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Sweeping gains for liberal wing

Synod ballot routs church traditionalists

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England has been taken over by liberals and the traditional Catholic wing routed in the battle for seats on the General Synod, according to early election results.

Church leaders believe the poll could sound the death-knell for Anglo-Catholicism on the governing body and traditionalists expressed fears for old Christian morality, the authority of scripture and the *Book of Common Prayer*.

One Bishop complained that the election meant the synod would be even more out of touch with churchgoers, and said: "The liberals have their tails up. They want to change the nature of the Church. It is all systems go." Others saw the Catholic Dr David Hope, soon to be enthroned as Archbishop of York, as the last standard-bearer for the traditional wing.

Of 507 seats available to clergy and laity on the synod, only about 70 have gone to the Catholics, compared with 170 last time — the biggest ever swing against one group. They lost seats not only to the liberals, but also to the evangelicals, who enjoyed a swing of between 10 and 15 per cent.

In the past, the synod has been one-third Catholic, one-third evangelical and one-third liberal, keeping the delicate balance of opinion, theology and churchmanship that has maintained the credibility of the synod to the laity and the nation as a whole.



George Austin: ousted "but not dead yet"

This election's results will lay the synod open to the charge that it has become out of touch with parishioners already disillusioned by the Church Commissioners' financial management.

Early results show successes by the gay lobby in the Southwark and London diocese, where advocates of homosexual rights topped the polls. However, according to the *Church of England Newspaper*, there was a reaction against the gay lobby in many dioceses where people have instead opted for the evangelical "morality" ticket.

The Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York and one of the synod's best-known traditionalists, learned yesterday that he had lost his seat. He said: "What will happen to the *Book of Common Prayer* I dread to think. We have done very badly."

Archdeacon Austin, a prominent opponent of women priests, was ousted after two of his colleagues refused to endorse his appointment, but did not tell him until it was too late for him to stand for election to the house of clergy. But he said yesterday: "I am not dead yet. If I am not on the synod it will make me less inhibited in what I write. When I told that to George Carey he went rather pale."

As with Parliament, elections to the synod take place every five years. Last time, the ballot was dominated by the question of women priests, but this year no one issue has held sway. Traditionalists, believe, however, that the loss of many of their number to other churches over the ordination of women has allowed liberals to undermine their usual bedrock of support.

The Right Rev Edwin Barnes, Bishop of Richborough, one of three "flying bishops" appointed to care for traditionalists, said a liberal takeover was "to be expected the way we have been going".

Bishop Barnes was one of the most prominent members of the last synod, but he could not stand for election this time because his consecration took place two days too late.

He compared the liberal success to a left-wing takeover of a political party because in the Church of England "the politically motivated are the liberals".

"They want to bring in the whole liberal agenda, dispensing with the authority of scripture and tradition. As they would see it, it is bringing the church up to date in line with the spirit of the age.

"It is traditional Christian morality which is being thrown out. The synod is not remotely representative."

He predicted the disintegration of the synod. "Having wreaked their havoc, there will be nothing much left for the liberals. They will leave and it will be left to us to pick up the pieces."

Canon Terry Grigg, of St Mary's, Cottingham, who lost his seat after 13 years, said: "We are now a decimated synod. It will be pious and dull. The spark has gone out of it, and the Catholics are no longer there to leaven it. We will go back to the parishes, to caring for the people, looking after the people. In the synod, they will still be talking when the last trumpet blows."

Bishop condemns lottery fantasy

BY EMMA WILKINS

CHURCH leaders criticised the National Lottery yesterday, saying it exploits vulnerable people and undermines the public good.

In a united attack on the moral and practical effects of the lottery, the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland said jackpots should be reduced to a maximum of £1 million, the minimum age for players should be raised to 18 and no more Instant Games licences should be issued. It also called for independent research into the lottery and urged Parliament to establish a gambling research council.

Church leaders are especially concerned that vulnerable people are being induced to buy instant scratch cards.

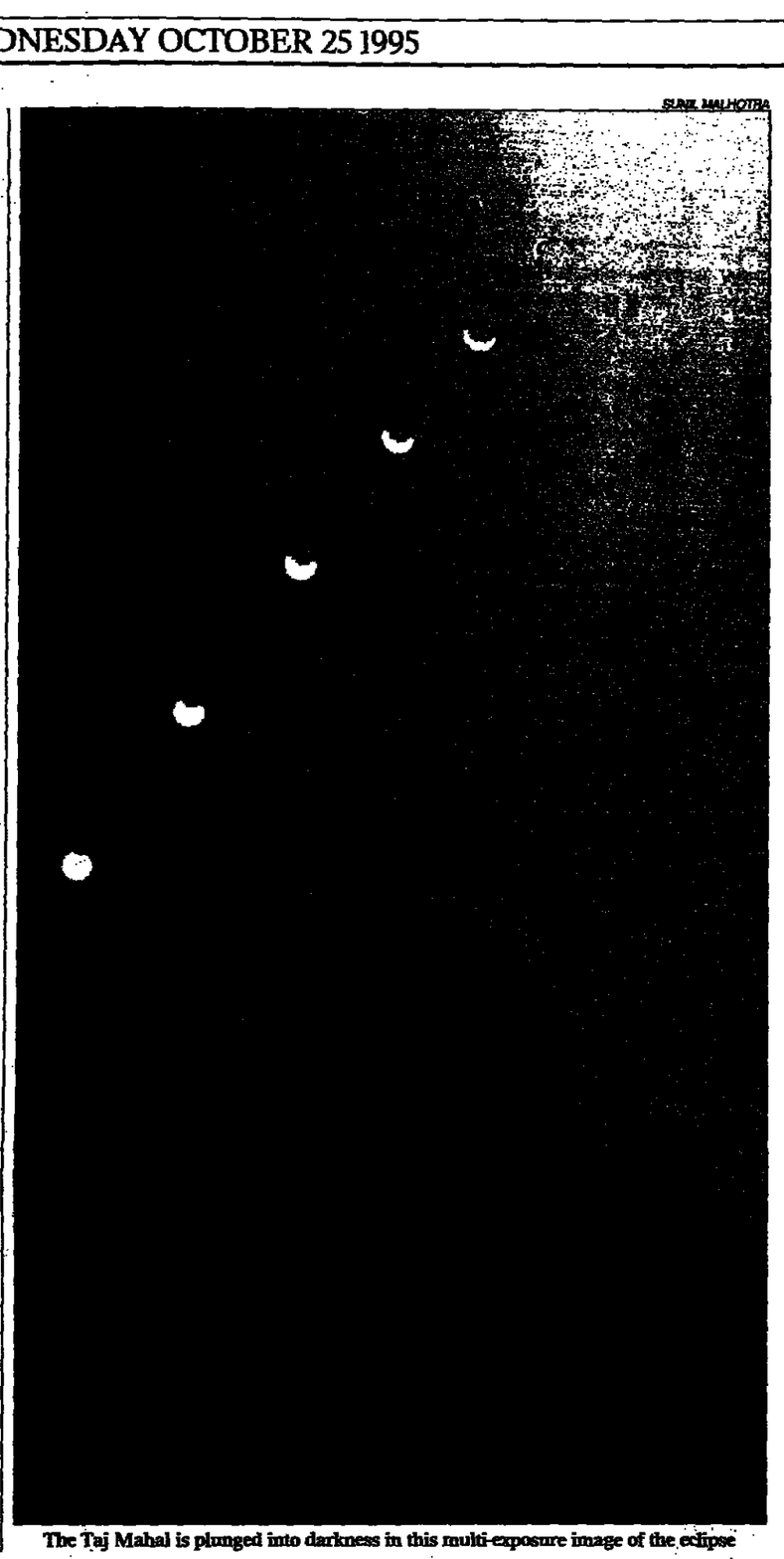
The Rt Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool and chairman of the Church of England Board of Social Responsibility, said: "We feel that many of the people who can least afford it, are being sucked into going for these big prizes week after week. They think there is going to be some very big win that is going to change their lives. That is a world of fantasy that does not help people."

The declaration has been signed by representatives of the Church of England, the Roman Catholics, Methodists, Salvation Army, Church of Scotland, Baptists, United Reformed Church, Quakers, and the Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

Bishop Sheppard said all were deeply concerned that the lottery was undermining the public good. "People are encouraged to feel that they are giving to charity, but they would be far better to covenant money direct."

Nevertheless, he defended some 260 individual churches that had applied for lottery money, saying it would be spent solely on the upkeep of heritage buildings. "The fact is, we have the stewardship of a great many heritage buildings which for many years have received National Heritage funding. Now we are being told that we should apply for lottery money in place of heritage funding."

The Catholic Church believes applications for Lottery money are justified where they are for the good of the local community and a spokesman said: "We see no reason to cut off our noses to spite our faces."



SUNIL MALHOTRA

The Taj Mahal is plunged into darkness in this multi-exposure image of the eclipse

Eclipse blots out India's festival delight

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

DELHI was spectacularly silent yesterday morning as millions of people sheltered indoors from a solar eclipse. There was no rush hour, shops and banks were shut most of the day and government was brought to a halt.

Astrologers were in despair at the ominous portents. They said India faced a period of dire events and declared that anybody touched by the moon's shadow would suffer ill-fortune. Hundreds of thousands plunged into holy rivers to be cleansed of malevolent influences.

For the first time in 230 years the eclipse coincided with Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights: for darkness to follow light in such a manner was seen as particularly ominous. People retreated indoors, turned off the lights and blew out the candles as soothsayers had advised.

Some refused to celebrate Diwali, believing it inappropriate on the eve of such an ill omen. Pregnant women were careful to avoid the shadow, fearing it would cause the birth of a deformed child, and millions heeded astrologers' advice not to eat during the eclipse.

In Bombay, thousands of vendors of milk, bread and eggs did their rounds early to avoid being touched by the shadow. Calcutta, which always does its own thing, was alone in casting off fears: people danced to drum beats in Diamond Harbour to celebrate.

The moon first crossed the sun over central Iran just after dawn, then moved across Afghanistan, Pakistan and northern India. The shadow, 60 miles wide at most, then flitted over Burma, Thailand and Cambodia before racing across Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia.

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Bjerregaard: described six months in Brussels

Top Europe leaders 'exposed' in EC diary

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

FRANK assessments of many top figures in Europe yesterday led to a European commissioner getting a rare public rebuke from her President, Jacques Santer.

Ritt Bjerregaard, the Danish Commissioner for the Environment, gives the pen portraits in her *The Commissioner's Diary*, describing her first six months in Brussels.

Mrs Bjerregaard, 54, a Social Democrat, said she had intended no indiscretion, publishing to help the "man in the street" understand how the European Union works.

According to extracts in Denmarks's *Jyllands-Posten* newspaper, she writes about the French President, saying: "On the whole Chirac gave a very bad impression ... I don't even think Chirac will grow in stature with his post." M Chirac's tests were "a typical example of the need of a new head of state to flex his muscles in order that people become aware of how strong a man they have elected. It will be difficult for him to recover from losing face in that affair.

"The relationship between M Chirac and Mr Santer is bad, first and foremost because M Chirac is totally

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Prudential bank plan

The Prudential is seeking permission from the Bank of England to set up a branchless banking operation relying on the telephone and the post. The service would be supported by the Pru's vast insurance sales force ... Page 25

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England win

England opened their cricket tour of South Africa with a 112-run victory over Nicky Oppenheimer's XI. Alec Stewart, in his first game for three months, scored 74 ..... Page 48

Hawking's time

Stephen Hawking, the author of *A Brief History of Time*, will give The Waterstone's lecture, sponsored by *The Times* and Icon, at the Albert Hall next month ... Coupon, page 6

Health scare hits M&S sandwiches

BY EDWARD GORMAN

MARKS & Spencer has withdrawn thousands of sandwiches from its stores after salmonella traces were discovered at a factory.

More than 80,000 sandwiches, of 23 varieties, were destroyed after routine tests at Henry Telfer Ltd of Northampton, one of five M&S suppliers, revealed a "potential presence of salmonella".

Joanna Carroll, a spokeswoman for Telfer, which has produced sandwiches for M&S for the past 10 years, said as soon as the test result was known sandwiches were withdrawn from the shelves in all the 284 M&S stores and the factory's 600-strong workforce was given medical checks and sent home on full pay.

She said that there had been no danger to the public and no one had reported being ill. Normal production would resume once the factory was given the all-clear by health officals. The shutdown is understood to have cost the company £100,000 so far.

M&S, which made an £851 million profit last year, was a pioneer of the lunchtime sandwich market for office workers. Sandwiches have consistently been in the company's top ten best-selling food lines.

The British sandwiches have also proved a great success at the company's stores in Paris, where the French spend around £40,000 a year on them.

Salmonella is the most common cause of food poisoning and the its most virulent strains can be fatal. There are some 30,000 reported cases of infection a year, of which 2 per cent require hospital admission.



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Counsel at the council over an unloved corpse

BY ALAN HAMILTON

STAFF at Cleveland County Council have been offered grief counselling because their employer is terminally ill and has only six months to live.

Largely unloved by its population, who until 1974 lived in County Durham or Yorkshire, the council is to be consigned to oblivion next April.

Cleveland's occupational health co-ordinator believes the effect of abolition on its 20,000 employees will be akin to the death of a much-loved relative or friend, and that they could suffer a catalogue of disturbing emotional side-effects including loss of libido, mood swings, overeating, undereating, panic attacks, tense muscles and headaches.

So the the Labour-controlled council's 18-strong Staff Support Network has issued a leaflet offering employees three-hour "stress workshops" and up to six counselling sessions — in working time and at council expense — to help them cope with the trauma of Cleveland's demise.

The leaflet states: "A very common feature of the reactions many employees are beginning to experience is a type of grief reaction. It is not uncommon for people to deny they feel grief. It will be the same for the passing of Cleveland."

Michael Wright, head of the support unit, said yesterday: "If you are used to working in a team with the same people over many years, there can be a deep sense of loss." Staff will have to move to new offices. Other stresses they face include a promise of no compulsory redundancy, and a guarantee that their salaries will be maintained for three years.

Mr Wright's concern was not shared by Michael Bates, Conservative MP for Langbaurgh, who said: "The best counselling session I would advise for staff is to go out and speak to local residents and share their joy at the demise of the council."

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Lords of the jungle crash uselessly through the undergrowth

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

It was billed as the battle of the titans. This was to be Michael Heseltine's *debut at the Dispatch Box* as Deputy Prime Minister. John Major was away in America so the Lion King would roar on his behalf. Tony Blair would field his own deputy, John Prescott, in his place.

Nice as they are and sharp as they sometimes can be, Mr Blair and Mr Major are hardly Rambos of the Commons chamber. Though their spats grow daily more vicious, the hatpin is wielded as often as the cudgel. Both can seem close to crossing the floor and pulling each other's hair. *Prescott and Heseltine, however*, are different: more of the old-school stampers and roarers, Big Cats.

Heseltine, the man who for two decades has fused hearing aids and rattled pearls, dentures and teacups at *Bournemouth, Brighton and* Blackpool: Prescott, the trade unionist whom Tory mums use to frighten naughty children ("eat your runner beans, George, or Mr Prescott will come and get you"), the former ship's steward who has massacred the English language, *curdled the mushy* peas and warmed hearts in working-men's clubs from Hull to Doncaster ... Now, at last, these two bruisers were to meet in combat. Two great beasts of the political jungle, in the same clearing, at the *same time!*

Lesser political animals — the Tory and Labour herds — peered nervously through the bamboo. The monkeys of the press gibbered in the trees.

What could we expect? An anti-climax, naturally. From one side of the clearing entered the Lion King, to roars from his supporters. From the *other, Buffalo Prescott* stomped in, snorting. The buffalo's supporters roared even louder. "Questions to the Prime Minister," called Betty Boothroyd from the canopied safety of Madam Speaker's tent. And the lion and the buffalo lunged forward at each other.

And missed each other. And lunged past each other. And bellowed and postured, and made a lot of noise and no sense at all — and crashed uselessly into the undergrowth. And that was it. Part of the problem was that both were visibly nervous. Michael Heseltine's hand was shaking when he picked up his notes. John Prescott shouted out his questions like a schoolboy at *reading practice. Determined* to make an impact, Heseltine went even further over the top than his opponent, succeeding (where none has before) in making Mr Prescott sound positively statesmanlike.

Each achieved one half-strike. Welcoming Heseltine to his post, Prescott noted his presence at the Dispatch Box for Prime Minister's Questions, and *congratulated him* on achieving his dream. This rattled Heseltine, but he retaliated with spirited mockery of Prescott's "minder", the *shadowy Peter Mandelson*. Mr Blair's spin-doctor *extraordinaire*. As Mandelson was at that moment skulking just behind the Speaker's Chair and some of the Tories could see him, this cheered the Government side. But what *would it have meant to the* electorate beyond?

Thereafter, Prescott's question (about the cost of something or other) and Heseltine's answers (pre-packaged: nothing to do with the question) generated noise, but little else. A number of small trees and shrubs was trampled in the fracas. Prescott left unharmed.

Heseltine left *reflecting*, perhaps a little ruefully, that being Prime Minister was a little bit harder than he had thought. Some of the rest of us left appreciating, rather more than before, John Major's steady bat.

Elder statesmen endorse Major's swing to the right

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR'S gradual *shift to the right on Europe* and the economy in his quest for a distinctive platform in the next election were endorsed last night by two of the Conservative Party's elder statesmen.

Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, called for a rethink on the European single currency to prevent it splitting the European Union. Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, urged substantial *reductions in public spending* to pave the way for tax cuts.

Their interventions were *significant because both have* long been regarded as two of the Tory Left's most prominent standard-bearers. The two London speeches were seen last night as a signal to the party's left-wing MPs worried about the apparent drift towards Euro-scepticism that maintaining the Conservative truce on Europe was essential *to winning the election. The* speeches were also regarded as acceptance on the Tory Left that a tough line on tax and Europe will be needed to put "clear blue water" between Mr Major and Tony Blair.

In his speech to the Conservative Group for Europe, Mr Hurd delivered his most cautious remarks about a single currency and European integration. He said that the process of transferring *national powers to Brussels* "has just about run its course".

But his remarks on monetary union will most please the *sceptics. He went out of the* way to back the line being taken by Malcolm Rifkind, his successor, who has said that Britain should be prepared to accept a loss of influence in order to protect the national interest.

Mr Hurd said that it was right that Britain should be part of the preparations for a single currency, without being bound by the result. But those who by their signatures on the *Maastricht treaty* were committed to monetary union "need now to ponder the *future*".

A plan envisaged as the next big unifying leap forward had turned out to be divisive. "If it proceeds apace on a fixed timetable, we can foresee a European Union divided into three camps — those who can and will, those who can and prefer not to, and those who are keen but cannot join a *single currency*.

"Whatever the outcome, divisions on this matter must not lead to the unravelling of the single market and the other achievements of the European Union as it stands today. The proposed leap forward must not become a backward slide."

A substantial majority of public opinion approved the fundamental reasoning for British membership but was *not enthusiastic about further* integration. "This public attitude may not be heroic but it is full of sound sense. It is more *widely shared across Europe* than the political elites in continental countries would acknowledge."

Mr Patten, delivering a Conservative Political Centre lecture at Tory Central Office, gave powerful ammunition to Kenneth Clarke, whose attempts to pare the ambitions of ministers in the Cabinet's spending committee are proving difficult. It was time to challenge the assumption that *there was an umbilical* connection between public morality and public spending, he *said*.

Mr Patten, Tory party chairman at the last election, is briefly visiting Britain for talks on the handover to China in 1997. He said that his three years in one of the fastest growing economies in the world had impressed on him that a reduction in the state's share of national income — *about 42 per cent in Britain* — was essential for more rapid growth as well as for lower taxes.

"I find it hard to accept that existing public, taxpayer-funded provision is so pluperfect that it cannot be snipped, pruned or in some cases even dismantled." Hong Kong was not demonstratively worse off with much lower public spending than equivalent economies in Europe.

Peter Riddell, and tax cut row, page 8

ADRIAN BROOKS



Bertie Ross, principal of the college, and, below, Lewis winning the title in 1992



Boxer mounts fight against deprivation with £2m college

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

LENNOX LEWIS, the first British boxer this century to *win a world heavyweight* championship, has put more than £1 million into a college for problem *teenagers in the* East End of London.

The college, which will bear his name, already has its first 11 "difficult and disadvantaged young men". Girls will be added next year, when the converted factory in Hackney is ready to take its full complement of 40 students.

Lewis will officially open the *college on Friday. His donation* has been matched by £1 million from his financial adviser, Panos Eliades, who has spent two years bringing *the project to fruition away* from the glare of publicity. Their aim is to give "a fighting *chance" to teenagers whose* education has been disrupted, either by family circumstances, persistent truancy or expulsion from school.

Students aged between 15 and 18 will receive individual tuition in information technology, social skills, literacy and numeracy, as well as vocational training in electrical, *plumbing, decorating or mo*tor vehicle work. The college also has a recording studio, photography unit and high-tech gymnasium.

Lewis, 30, is understood to have had the idea ten years ago when he was an emerging *amateur boxer with a fierce* ambition to help youngsters from an upbringing as deprived as his own. The boxer, who was born in Stratford and brought up by his single mother, once said: "No man can turn his back on his birthplace".

He moved to Canada in 1977 where he won an Olympic *gold medal for that country in* 1988. He returned to Britain in 1989 and won the WBC world championship in 1992. The individual tuition in Lennox Lewis College is designed to offer a role model for young people otherwise likely to fall foul of the law.

Bertie Ross, the principal, specialised in problem children. The students will take six-week "taster" courses before committing themselves to the college for the year.

Adams warning of IRA violence

Gerry Adams gave a strong warning yesterday of a return to IRA violence, accusing Britain of "militarising" the peace process.

At a press conference in west Belfast the Sinn Fein leader said the Government was taking risks by insisting on the *decommissioning* of IRA arms before all-party talks could begin. Mr Adams added: "It is valid to say that the British stance has reinforced the argument for physical-force republicanism because the British have had an opportunity which they have continually spurned over the past 15 months."

New Tube strikes

Commuters in London face disruption in the run-up to Christmas after Tube drivers voted for further strikes over pay and conditions. Members of the RMT union, who were balloted by post, backed industrial action by a majority of two to one. Union executives meet today to arrange dates for the strikes.

Twins buried

The Siamese twins Nicole and Chloe Astbury, who died five weeks after their birth, were buried after a simple funeral service. Brian and Melanie Astbury, whose baby daughters died last week after developing a rare bowel infection, comforted each other during the service at Denton Cemetery Chapel, Manchester.

QC's free offer

Anthony Scrivener, QC, the former Bar chairman, will represent Private Lee Clegg free of charge if Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, allows an appeal against the paratrooper's murder conviction. Clegg, 26, who shot a Belfast joyrider at a checkpoint, is making his third appeal application.

Appeal payout

The Home Secretary was ordered to pay half the costs of a judicial review application from a man appealing against his conviction for a betting fraud 13 years ago. The High Court awarded the costs to Kenneth Richardson on the ground that his case had succeeded in reaching the Court of Appeal.

Canister inquiry

The Government has ordered an urgent inquiry into the origin of dangerous canisters that have been washed up on Scotland's southwest coast. One child has been burnt after picking up a phosphorous container. A survey of Beaufort Dyke, an area of sea used as a munitions dump, will start before Christmas.

Times award

Iain R. Webb, fashion editor of *The Times*, was voted Fashion Journalist of the Year last night by designers and buyers at the Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards. He worked in the fashion industry for 15 years after graduating from St Martin's School of Art, London. "Iain Webb is immensely knowledgeable and his initial training comes through so much," Clinton Silver, chairman of the British Fashion Council, said.

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Europe's leaders 'exposed'

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"The relationship between M Chirac and Mr Santer is bad, first and foremost because M Chirac is totally indifferent about Mr Santer and is treating him carelessly and superficially," she wrote.

Michel Barnier, French *Minister for European Affairs*, is said to be utterly out of his depth. "He appeared so completely confused at Brussels I wanted to be quite sure other members of my staff knew what was going on."

Yves Thibault de Silguy, the French monetary affairs commissioner, had made an unprofessional attack on her over France's test programme. "One of France's commissioners was very angry but not very well briefed."

On the frequent absences of the German commissioner for *industry*: "Martin Bangemann did not attend the meeting, but the situation is such that I am more surprised when he actually is present than otherwise."

On European leaders in general: "It is difficult to see any who has any ambitions to do anything other than keeping things going as they *always have been and hold on* to their posts."

Mrs Bjerregaard had comfort for fellow commissioners who might fear featuring in the next instalment: "The book does not record all the conversations I have with them."

Gurkhas kept on to solve Army's manpower crisis

FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FOUR hundred Gurkhas due to be made redundant next year will be reprieved to help the Army to meet a drastic shortfall in recruits, Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, announced yesterday. *The Ministry of Defence* said that by April next year the Army will be undermanned by 2,000 soldiers because of poor recruiting figures. The infantry battalions in particular will be seriously short of trained strength.

Although it was planned to make 1,000 Gurkhas redundant in 1996 and 1997 under the Government's Options for Change defence review, the equivalent of three infantry *companies will now be kept on* to fill the gaps elsewhere in the Army. Mr Soames's announcement in the Commons confirmed the dilemma now facing the Army. So many infantry battalions, including The Parachute Regiment, are under strength that the Government has been forced to ask the Nepalese soldiers to help out.

However, the Gurkhas will not be available until the end *of next year and cannot start* filling gaps until early 1997. In the meantime, the Army will have to rely on a £17.5 million advertising campaign and a £1,400 cash bonus for soldiers to persuade them to stay on for three years to try to meet the required manpower figures. Apart from infantry battalions some of the reprieved Gurkhas will also be placed in Royal Corps of Signals units.

The announcement, which was warmly welcomed yesterday by *Colonel David Willis*, Colonel Brigade of Gurkhas, coincides with an historic appointment. Next month Major Bigaykumar Rawat will become the first Gurkha officer to command a Gurkha infantry battalion. Traditionally, Gurkha infantry battalions have been commanded by a British officer. The Gurkha *major will be promoted to* Lieutenat Colonel and will take command of the 1st *Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles* in Hong Kong.

The reduction of the number of Gurkhas in the Army from 4,000 to 2,500 will be completed by the time the British military presence in Hong Kong comes to an end in July 1997. In addition to the 1,000 who were facing redundancy, a further 500 will go through natural wasteage.

The Gurkhas they will not join regiments earmarked for *tours of Northern Ireland* because in civilian clothes they would be too easily identified.

□ The Defence Ministry has spent more than £7 million on official hospitality in the past 18 months, Mr Soames disclosed yesterday.

Strife-torn Virago Press for sale

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

VIRAGO PRESS, the publishing house founded by women for women writers and, many assumed, for women readers, is up for sale. Prospective buyers are said to include the publishing heavyweights Random House, Bloomsbury and Little, Brown.

Another possibility, according to one source, is a takeover by a feminist group unconnected with the book trade.

The news is another chapter in a 22-year history of a publishing company that was forced last summer by dwindling sales to publish books by men. Larger publishers had previously been inspired by Virago's example, putting feminist *writers on their main lists. Virago has* been hit by a series of resignations, rumours of rows and a recession that has badly bruised the book trade. Carmen Callil, one of the founders, resigned as its chairman earlier this year, followed by Harriet Spicer, its managing director.

One source said: "Virago has lost its *way. Others have encroached on its* territory. It is not worth a great deal at present."

Virago would neither confirm nor deny that the company was being sold. The first feminist publishing company, it made an immediate mark when it was launched in 1973 with its Modern Classics series of women writers that included *Edith* Wharton and Vera Brittain.

In 1982 it joined the Chatto, Bodley Head and Cape group but recovered its independence in 1987 when it underwent a management buy-out.

Virago always insisted that its interest in women was giving voice to areas of literature that needed support. However, in 1987, it suffered the embarrassment of taking on a collection of short stories by an Asian woman named Rahila Khan only to discover that "she" was a "he", an Anglican priest called Toby Forward. Virago pulped the book, accusing the author of playing a "cruel hoax".

Inquiries begin into whether Sams may have had weapon made in prison workshop

Jailers deny blame after killer attacks probation officer

By Richard Ford and Paul Wilkinson

TWO separate investigations were under way last night into an attack by the convicted killer Michael Sams on a woman probation officer in a top-security prison. As Sams was held in the segregation unit at Wakefield jail, prison officers accused the Probation Service of putting Julia Flack, the wife of the Archdeacon of Pontefract, at risk by allowing her to hold open surgeries for inmates.

It was also disclosed that Sams, 53, serving life for murdering Julie Dart and kidnapping Stephanie Slater, a West Midlands estate agent, may have been carrying a spiked weapon made in the prison workshop. He is regarded as an extremely dangerous prisoner who hates women and had made veiled threats about female prison officers.

The attack on Mrs Flack, a probation officer in West Yorkshire, occurred only days after Sams, a Category A prisoner who has an artificial leg, was transferred from D wing to B wing of the jail.

Mrs Flack, 49, was alone in a small office on the wing, which holds 130 inmates, on Monday lunchtime when



Julia Flack: attacked with her own key chain

Sams attacked her. There were no prison officers in the room or outside the door and he had not made an appointment to see her. Sams had collected his lunch from a servery on the wing and as other prisoners milled around playing table tennis, chatting or relaxing in their cells, he went to see Mrs Flack.

He entered the room and, according to probation service sources, butted Mrs Flack as she sat her desk and then attempted to throttle her with her key chain. Mrs Flack hit a panic button and started screaming. A spokeswoman for the Prison Service denied that Sams had thrown food over Mrs Flack. A prisoner heard her screams and alerted prison officers who ran to the room. Last night some reports said that the prisoner who raised the alarm had dragged Sams off the probation officer. Sams was then taken to the jail's segregation unit by officers using control and restraint techniques.

A prison source described hearing Mrs Flack, who had worked at the prison for eight months, give out a "wailing scream" as Sams grabbed her. He said: "Sams is an extremely arrogant man and is very unpopular with other prisoners. If the prison officers had not run to Mrs Flack's aid as quickly as they did, I am sure the inmates would have grabbed Sams. Mrs Flack is very well liked and respected."

Mrs Flack, a probation officer for 27 years, was treated for minor injuries at the prison and then went home to Horbury, West Yorkshire. Her husband, the Ven John Flack, said: "My wife's injuries are minor but she is still very shocked. She will not be going back to work for a few days. Returning to work will depend on a variety of factors, including what the West Yorkshire Probation Service feel about it." Police are carrying out an investigation into whether Sams was carrying a weapon.

A separate internal prison service enquiry has also started. Last night Harry Fletcher, of the National Association of Probation Officers, called for an urgent review of open-door interviews with prisoners and demanded to know why Sams had not been under close observation. The attack provoked a furious response from the Prison Officers Association who claimed they had warned the governor about comments Sams had made about female staff.

They also blamed the Probation Service for putting Mrs Flack at risk by abandoning appointments and escorts for meetings with probation officers. An officer said that until two years ago anyone wishing to see a probation officer had to apply to a prison officer and an officer would escort inmates to and from the meeting. "Now they just wander in. They have got very liberal and adopted this open door policy. We are against it."

Sams was found guilty by a Nottingham Crown Court jury in July 1993 of the murder and kidnapping of Miss Dart in 1991 and the kidnapping and unlawful imprisonment of Miss Slater. Mr Justice Judge, sentencing him to four life sentences, said he was "extremely dangerous and evil". Sams was moved to Wakefield jail 18 months ago. The top-security prison with 300 lifers among its 720 inmates is run by Bob Duncan, 54, who has been governor for three years.



Sams in his prison cell. The judge who gave him four life sentences said he was "a dangerous and evil man"

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Employee used BT computer to find number

By Tim Jones

AN ACCOUNTS manager at BT who was dismissed for using a company computer to discover the ex-directory telephone number of a woman he had met and making nuisance calls lost his case for unfair dismissal yesterday.

Andrew Forey, 35, had been dismissed on grounds of gross misconduct. The hearing in Croydon, south London, was told that, through a lonely-hearts advertisement, he had met Kim Manning a few times and she had decided not to pursue a relationship. To prevent further contact with Mr Forey, who worked at BT's headquarters in Croydon, she decided to go ex-directory.

Ms Manning, the hearing was told, became frightened when Mr Forey began pestering her with calls. When she asked how he had got her number he allegedly replied: "You forget who I work for."

Ms Manning contacted BT's nuisance calls bureau and BT engineers traced the calls to Mr Forey's home and work numbers.

Peter Jenkins, a BT personnel manager, said Mr Forey had found her number by using a computer system holding classified information. "Mr Forey not only placed himself in jeopardy of criminal prosecution but also BT."

Mr Forey claimed he had obtained the confidential number to check if she was all right because she was worried about harassment from a former boyfriend. He said he had not pestered her.

Black WPC 'had to change with male colleagues'

By Kathryn Knight

A BLACK woman police officer was given a locker in the men's room and referred to as a "darkie" by her male colleagues, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. The 30-year-old WPC, who had to change in front of policemen, had her bra strap flicked and was pinched as she changed and was told by one officer "we have never had any darkies before".

The WPC, who cannot be named, is bringing an action for racial and sexual discrimination against Sussex Police. She told a Brighton tribunal that she had listed 50 complaints in one year alone to senior officers at her station, which were consistently ignored.

One sergeant who assessed her physical fitness had told her that she was given the job only because she was black. The WPC, who was representing herself, said that on joining the police as a probationary officer in March 1992, she was allocated the locker in the men's room despite the fact that all other women were housed elsewhere.

She told the hearing: "I asked about it but I was told to stop complaining or I would be branded a troublemaker and would spoil the lads' fun ... My locker was placed about three or four feet from the door so everyone walked past. As I changed I was pinched, or my bra was flicked or people pushed me into the locker. I would have my back to everyone walking in and I would get pinched on the back."

She broke down as she told how she had been posted in her home town, although colleagues on the same intake were posted to unfamiliar places. "I was later to be victimised by my colleagues when they realised I had grown up on a council estate."

She also claims that a fellow female probationary officer had been given a better fitness report despite having a lower fitness level. When she confronted the assessing officer, he told her she would be unable to help in keeping public order because she was so slim.

Earlier, she said she had been bullied by a male inspector even before her official starting date. She had moved into police accommodation with her son but was telephoned by the previous occupant, who told her she would have to pay him £300 for the carpets as they belonged to him. When she refused he called round at the house. "He told me he was the inspector and if I didn't pay up I would never get in [the force]."

She said she had written the inspector a post-dated cheque for £240: "I was not going to risk my career over some dirty old carpets." She complained but was told by the administration department at her police station that there was nothing it could do.

Sussex Police deny sexual and racial discrimination. The case continues today.

GPs' centre wins licence for patients to drink their health

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

A GLASS of wine and a homemade meal will soon be available at a GPs' health centre. The Irnham Lodge Health Centre in Minehead, Somerset, which houses a GP surgery, a complementary health centre, a coffee shop and a pharmacy, yesterday obtained a licence to serve alcoholic drinks with meals.

Patients of the four-partner practice will now be able to treat themselves to a lager and a chicken pie in the "Spoonful of Sugar" coffee shop after visiting their doctor and obtaining pills from the pharmacy.

On the lunch menu yesterday there was prawn curry, cottage pie and cauliflower cheese followed by sherry trifle, apple pie or fruit flan. Up to 40 lunches are served in the 24-seat restaurant which is also open for morning coffee and afternoon tea. "Everything is



Charlie Hosegood: will serve drinks with meals

fresh and homemade, nothing is frozen," Charlie Hosegood, the cook and manageress, said. "We shall serve wine and probably lager and Guinness which is always good for you," she added.

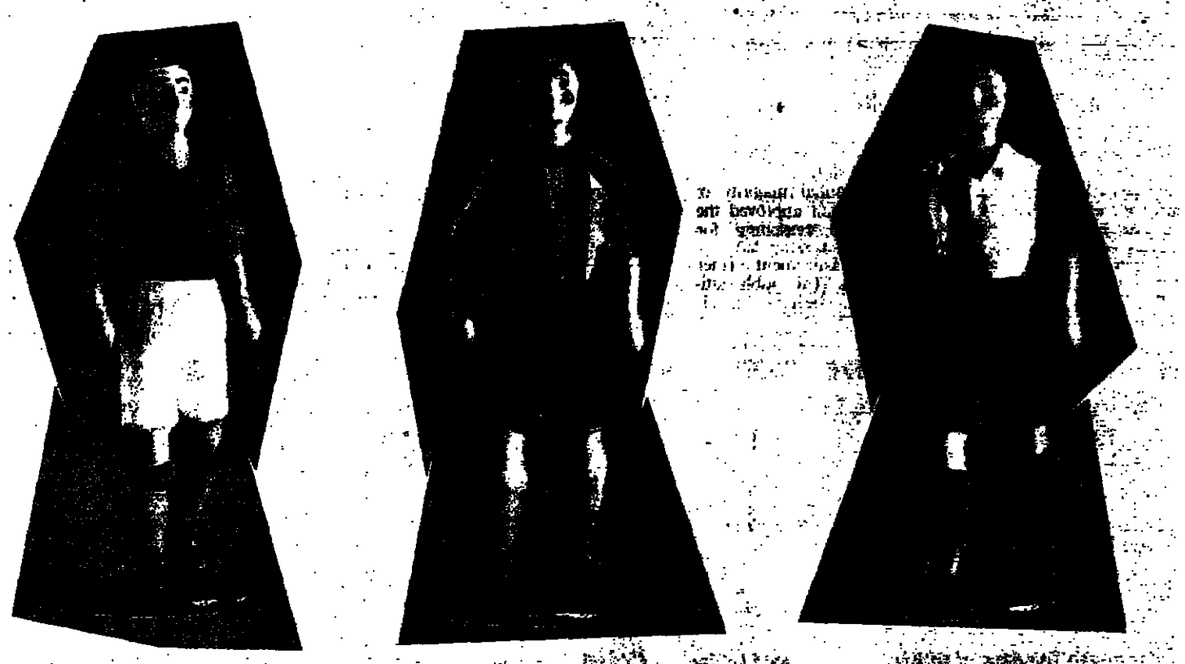
Dr Paul Slade, who is the licensee, said there was plenty of evidence that alcohol in moderation was good for health. "This is a table licence to serve drinks with meals in the coffee shop. We are not opening a bar in the waiting room. There is no question of patients getting their tablets and washing them down with a swift half."

Dr Slade said the coffee shop was a separate business from the surgery with its own entrance. "The idea was to give a focal point for the local community. It is not going to make me rich," he said.

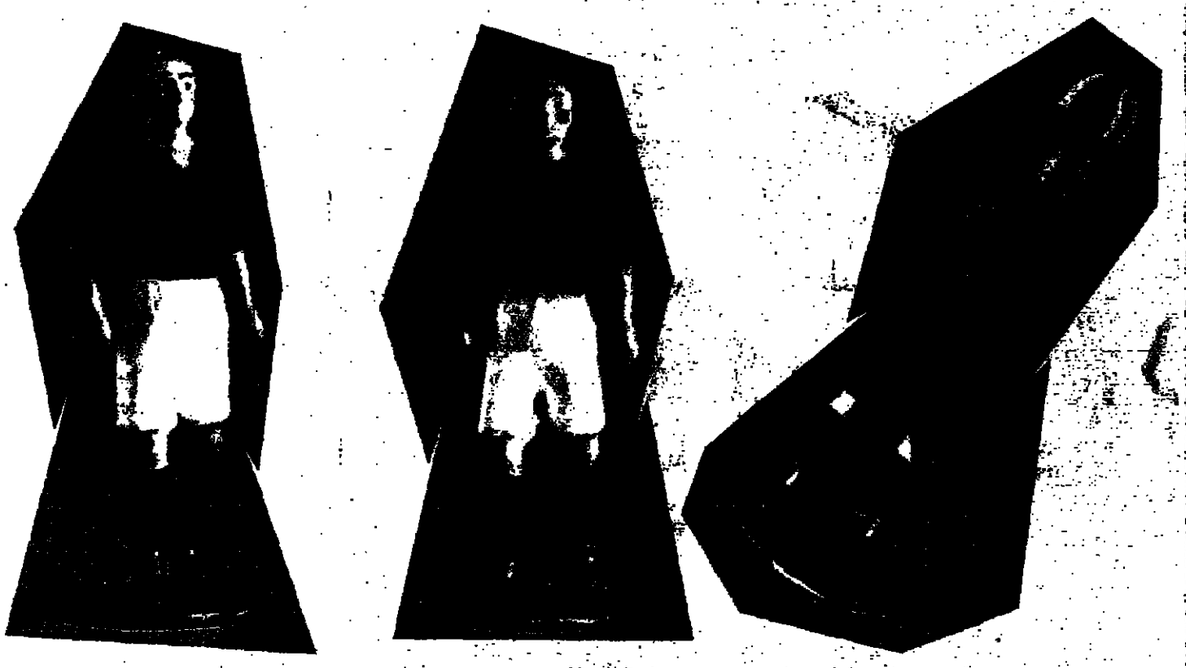
He had applied for the drinks licence after receiving requests from local businesses to hold Christmas parties in the coffee shop. The local church had also inquired about using it for wedding receptions. The town council had originally objected because it thought the doctors wanted to turn the surgery into a pub.

Dr Slade, a GP fundholder, decided to include the coffee shop to help to finance the cost of the building, which was opened last April.

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THE REFERENDUM PARTY.

Statement of Aims.

Why do we need the Referendum Party?

Both the Conservative and Labour parties are committed to the Maastricht Treaty which has resulted in a major transfer of sovereignty to European institutions. Both parties have refused to submit the European issue to a public vote or referendum. Fundamental constitutional changes, relinquishing sovereignty, should require the consent of the people.

The purpose of the Referendum Party is to present candidates whose single responsibility is to vote in Parliament for such a referendum.

Is there anything else on the Referendum Party's political agenda?

No. The Referendum Party has been created for one reason only: to obtain a fair referendum on Europe. Once the referendum has been held, the Party will dissolve itself. This is explicitly written into the Party's constitution. The Referendum Party has no other agenda or purpose.

But aren't referenda contrary to Britain's political tradition?

There have been 4 referenda since 1973, all on fundamental constitutional issues. They were:

*The Northern Ireland Border Poll, 8 March 1973.

*UK membership of the European Economic Community (EEC), 5 June 1975. (To be a member of the EEC as it was then structured according to the Treaty of Rome.)

*Devolution for Scotland, 1 March 1979.

*Devolution for Wales, 1 March 1979.

More recently, John Major has promised a referendum in Ulster on the outcome of the peace talks.

Britain's foremost constitutional authority, A.V.Dicey, wrote "the main use of the Referendum is to prevent the passing of any important Act which does not command the sanction of the electors."[1]

"The Referendum supplies ... the best, if not the only possible, check upon ill-considered alterations in the fundamental institutions of the country."[2]

Why do we need a referendum?

It is almost impossible to find an issue more important to the nation than the Maastricht Treaty and its amendments. Germany's governing party, the alliance of the Christian Democrats and the C.S.U., last September published its vision of Europe. Since then, they have described their views publicly on numerous occasions. In effect, they believe that there should be a European supra-state into which would be fused all the nations of Europe. This state would have one Parliament, one Government, one Supreme Court of Justice, one currency.

Most of the Christian Democrats, in other European nations, including the British Conservative MEPs who are allied with the Christian Democrats, and most European Socialists support the general line of the German proposals.

In 1975, when Britain voted by referendum to join the European Economic Community, the proposal was quite different. The Community was to consist of sovereign nations which would cooperate to their mutual advantage without abandoning their national identities. The concept was one of a family of nations, not of a single European supra-state.

No matter whether you are in favour of or against Maastricht, you should nonetheless welcome a referendum,. Those in favour should realise that so radical a change needs to be endorsed by a majority of the public. Those opposed seek a right to vote against the proposals.

When both major parties hold similar views on a single vital issue of overwhelming importance the only way for the electorate to express itself is by a referendum.

Does that mean the Referendum Party is opposed to the single market?

No. The Referendum Party's only policy concerns the need for a fair referendum on Maastricht and any successor treaty. However, it should be clear that there is a fundamental difference between the 1986 Single European Act, which removed barriers to the free movement of people, goods and services within Europe, and the Maastricht Treaty, which provides the legal and political framework for a single European supra-state. The latter represents an irreversible transfer of power and should be submitted to a popular vote.

How many candidates will the Referendum Party field?

The Referendum Party will field candidates in each parliamentary constituency in which the principal candidates of the major parties are not committed to a fair referendum on the Maastricht Treaty and its proposed amendments.

Will you be fielding candidates in Northern Ireland?

No. We believe that it would be a mistake to introduce yet another complication to Ulster at this critical time.

Who will be your candidates?

Referendum Party candidates are ordinary men and women, trusted by their local communities, who share the conviction that there should be a referendum on Europe.

Why "ordinary people"? Aren't your candidates likely to be politically inexperienced?

The Referendum Party's platform consists of one item only - the right to a referendum. We are not seeking professional politicians but, on the contrary, people who will go to Westminster, vote for a fair referendum, ensure that it is conducted fairly, and then return to their normal lives.

Will the Referendum Party fight by-elections?

No.

How can I participate in the Referendum Party's campaign?

We welcome support and active involvement and hope that those who share our objectives will register with us as supporters.

Does the Referendum Party welcome as supporters those who are in favour of Maastricht but, nonetheless, approve of a referendum?

Of course. The Referendum Party's purpose is exclusively to obtain a referendum so that people can vote on an issue which will affect their whole future. After a referendum has been obtained, the party will dissolve itself and individual supporters will be free to campaign as they see fit.

Have candidates already been recruited?

We have established a national organisation with regional representation which currently is appointing candidates. We are organising quietly but certainly throughout the country.

Would it not be preferable just to support Eurosceptic MPs against their opponents?

In every constituency, we will make a political judgment as to whether or not to field a candidate. Our plan is to support MPs of the major parties who are formally committed to voting for a fair referendum, by not putting forward candidates against them. As we have witnessed in the present Parliament, it is not sufficient just to have a minority of Eurosceptics in the established parties to obtain a referendum, no matter the extent of their commitment.

What do you mean by a "fair" referendum?

The question has to be fair and the terms of the debate have to be fair. The question should cover the Maastricht Treaty and its proposed subsequent amendments. The Treaty provides for Inter-Governmental Conferences (IGCs) which are empowered to alter its terms. The next IGC is scheduled for 1996.

The public should be allowed to vote on the broad issue and not be granted a pseudo-referendum restricting the question to technical issues.

Insofar as the debate is concerned, the time and money allocated to each side should be split between those in favour and those against. Maastricht is not a left-right issue. It is one of yes or no. It transcends the traditional party groupings. As all the established political parties are in favour of the Europe of Maastricht, they cannot be expected to determine the terms of the question or the rules of the debate. Both need to be settled independently.

By what procedure?

A group of respected citizens whose members would consist, in equal proportions, of those in favour and those against the Europe of Maastricht, should consider the issues publicly and put forward proposals to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

If the main political parties commit to a referendum, will the Referendum Party stand down?

Yes. If the question and the terms of the debate are fair and the result is binding.

Would the Referendum Party then dissolve itself?

Yes.

What happens if the Referendum Party were to obtain a majority in a General Election?

It is possible to pass a single piece of legislation in a matter of weeks. Therefore, a Referendum Act could be passed quickly and a fresh General Election called immediately thereafter. In the interim, a national government would be formed whose members would be drawn from all political parties represented in the House of Commons.

What would be the Referendum Party's policy if a number of its candidates were elected but not enough to constitute a majority?

Referendum Party MPs would vote tactically to best ensure the passing of a Referendum Act.

Did Sir James Goldsmith found the Referendum Party?

Yes. The Referendum Party was founded by Sir James Goldsmith in November 1994. Before then, Sir James, who holds dual British and French nationality, co-founded a political group in France together with Philippe de Villiers, Charles de Gaulle and Thierry Jean-Pierre, the well-known anti-corruption prosecutor.

Thirteen members of the new group were elected and they now form part of the "Europe of Nations" group in the European Parliament. This group brings together MEPs from the Netherlands, Denmark and France and is chaired by Sir James.

Does Sir James want to become a figure in British politics?

No.. Sir James's objective is to obtain a referendum on this critical issue and let the people decide. He seeks no wider role on the political stage.

Why would Sir James spend all this money for no reason?

The political leadership in both main parties are refusing a popular referendum. In effect, voters have been disenfranchised on an issue which will determine the nation's sovereignty and continued identity. There can be no better reason.

Will Sir James be a Referendum Party candidate?

Yes. At the next general election, he will resume his residence in Surrey and stand for a local constituency.

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Winchester jury told about the day that Heather West vanished and the discovery of her remains

Pathologist shows how body in garden was dismembered

BY RICHARD DUCE AND BILL FROST

A SENIOR pathologist yesterday described how he recovered the dismembered remains of Rosemary West's eldest daughter from the garden of 25 Cromwell Street.

Mrs West, 41, sat with her head bowed as Professor Bernard Knight showed Winchester Crown Court how he believed that Heather West had been decapitated and dissected at the hips. He produced examples of neck vertebrae and a thigh bone for his demonstration to the murder trial jury.

Professor Knight, a Home Office pathologist of 40 years' experience, said that he recovered the bodies of nine young women and girls from the garden and the cellar of the house where Mrs West is alleged to have carried out depraved sexual acts with her husband Frederick, who committed suicide in prison.

Professor Knight said that all the bodies had probably been decapitated and dismembered. In most cases kneecaps and finger and toe bones were missing. It was impossible to determine whether dismemberment had taken place before or after death, he said. Because no body tissue remained it was also impossible to decide cause of death.

Professor Knight, who was called in by Gloucester police in February last year, said there were four possibilities to explain why so many bones were missing. He ruled out the rotting away of bone tissue or a failure by police search teams to find them.

That left only the options that the bones had been deliberately removed or that the bodies had been moved from elsewhere before burial at Cromwell Street. He will tell the jury today what he believes to be the most likely answer.

The pathologist said that he first recovered the remains of Heather West, who vanished at the age of 16 in 1987, from the back garden of Cromwell Street on February 26 last year, followed by those of Alison Chambers and Shirley Robinson.

On March 7, between 9.30am and 6pm, he exhumed the bodies of five women from shallow graves inside the house. Four were found beneath the cellar and the fifth in a former garage inspection pit.

Three days later Cromwell Street gave up its final secret when a ninth skeleton was discovered in the cellar. Professor Knight said that the remains of one victim, Shirley Hubbard, were found with a mask of adhesive tape wound around the head. A tube had been inserted into the nostril area, without which Miss Hubbard would have suffocated.

In the case of 16-year-old Miss Chambers, a wide leather belt with a big buckle had been wrapped around the head and looped under the chin. With the skeleton of the student Lucy Partington was an 18in knife and two cords knotted beneath her jaw.

Later Professor Knight went to the former home of the Wests at 25 Midland Road, where he discovered the remains of Mrs West's stepdaughter Charmaine, who was last seen alive in the early 1970s at the age of seven. Again some bones were missing.

The professor attended excavations in two fields near Mr West's former home at Much Marcle, Hereford and Worcester, where he recovered the remains of Mr West's first wife, Rena Costello, and those of a former nanny, Ann McFaul. Both bodies had been dismembered. Buried with Ms Costello was a small red boomerang.

Mrs West, who denies ten charges of murder, is not charged in connection with the last two discoveries. Professor Knight said that without the specialist knowledge of a surgeon or a butcher it would take a "good many minutes" to dismember a human body.

The trial continues today.



Professor Knight arriving at the court yesterday

Builder 'told wife to spend night with his friend'

ROSEMARY WEST was compelled by her husband to spend the night with another man at his home just hours after being told that her daughter Heather had run away from 25 Cromwell Street, the court was told.

In taped interviews with detectives played to the court yesterday, she denied that the teenager had been murdered "because she was going to blow the whistle" on events at the family home where the bodies of nine young women and girls were found. Mrs West, 41, spoke too of her husband Frederick's violence towards her. He had tried to choke her on a number of occasions in "fits of anger".

She also said her daughter Heather "always seemed to hurt" her brothers and sisters. Mrs West claimed that the girl told the other children to swallow drinks laced with vinegar and salt. On the night of Heather's disappearance Mrs West was "instructed" by her husband to stay with one of his black friends who lived near Cromwell Street. "I can't remember his name, because it's a Jamaican name," she said.



Onions interview with Mrs West played to court

Asked by Detective Sergeant Terence Onions, one of the officers conducting the interviews in late February last year, whether she had been paid for sleeping with the man she replied: "Well, they used to give him [Frederick West] money."

Mrs West recalled the night she spent with the man vividly because she had not wanted to leave Cromwell Street. Heather's departure had upset the family. She had returned the next morning to get the children up. "Were you aware that Heather was dead on that particular day?" asked Detective Sergeant Onions. "No," Mrs West replied.

Was she aware that West needed time alone while she slept with his friend "to bury her [Heather]"? "No, I didn't know nothing about that."

Detective Sergeant Onions suggested that Heather had been murdered because she intended to speak out about what had happened over the years at 25 Cromwell Street. "Are you still maintaining that you know nothing of her death?" he asked. "I do not know nothing about it," she replied.

In a later taped interview played to the court, Mrs West told detectives that her husband had violently assaulted her during arguments. "He would just catch hold of your clothes at the neck," she said.

He would choke her for a couple of minutes before letting go. "He's only done it when he's angry. It was more when he was younger."

Social service chief quits over blocked report

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A COUNTY'S head of social services has resigned after it was disclosed that he suppressed an internal report claiming the "pindown" method of restraint was used by staff in one of the children's homes under his control.

Instead John Bennett, Northumberland's director of social services, submitted his own report to his authority and the Department of Health claiming that everything at Netherton Park, Stamington, was satisfactory.

Yesterday Northumberland County Council said that Mr Bennett, 59, would retire early on the ground of ill-health. He has been director for nine years but has been on sick leave for several weeks.

Northumberland also says it has asked the Crown Prosecution Service to reopen its files on claims of physical and sexual abuse at Meadowdale,



Linda Mason: she saw attacks on children

another of its homes, five miles away at Bedlington. The actions follow an independent inquiry by Bill Killgannon, the chief executive of the St Anne's Shelter and Housing Action in Leeds. He was asked to investigate the abuse allegations at Meadowdale, and during his inquiry discovered the internal Netherton Park report.

Last night Mr Killgannon said Mr Bennett's actions showed a serious "error of judgment" in an otherwise exemplary career. "He said his own inquiry team were wrong and that he knew Netherton Park better than them. This reasoning has not been accepted by the council."

The suppressed report was part of a national survey of care homes ordered by the health department in the wake of the Staffordshire pindown scandal of 1991 in which care workers were found to use severe physical restraint of residents as part of their normal practice. The internal Northumberland report found methods "akin to pindown" were used in one of its nine homes but in 1992 Mr Bennett told his councillors there was "no cause for concern".

Among the allegations Mr Killgannon investigated at Meadowdale were reports that a 10-year-old boy, who suffered from cerebral palsy, was tied to his bed with a harness. Children who misbehaved were also put alone into a "time-out" room and staff used a technique called "knuckling" in which children were rapped on the head with a fist.

Six residents made allegations of sexual abuse which the report says ranged from "inappropriate contact to the most serious kind of assault". Some of the claims went back more that 20 years.

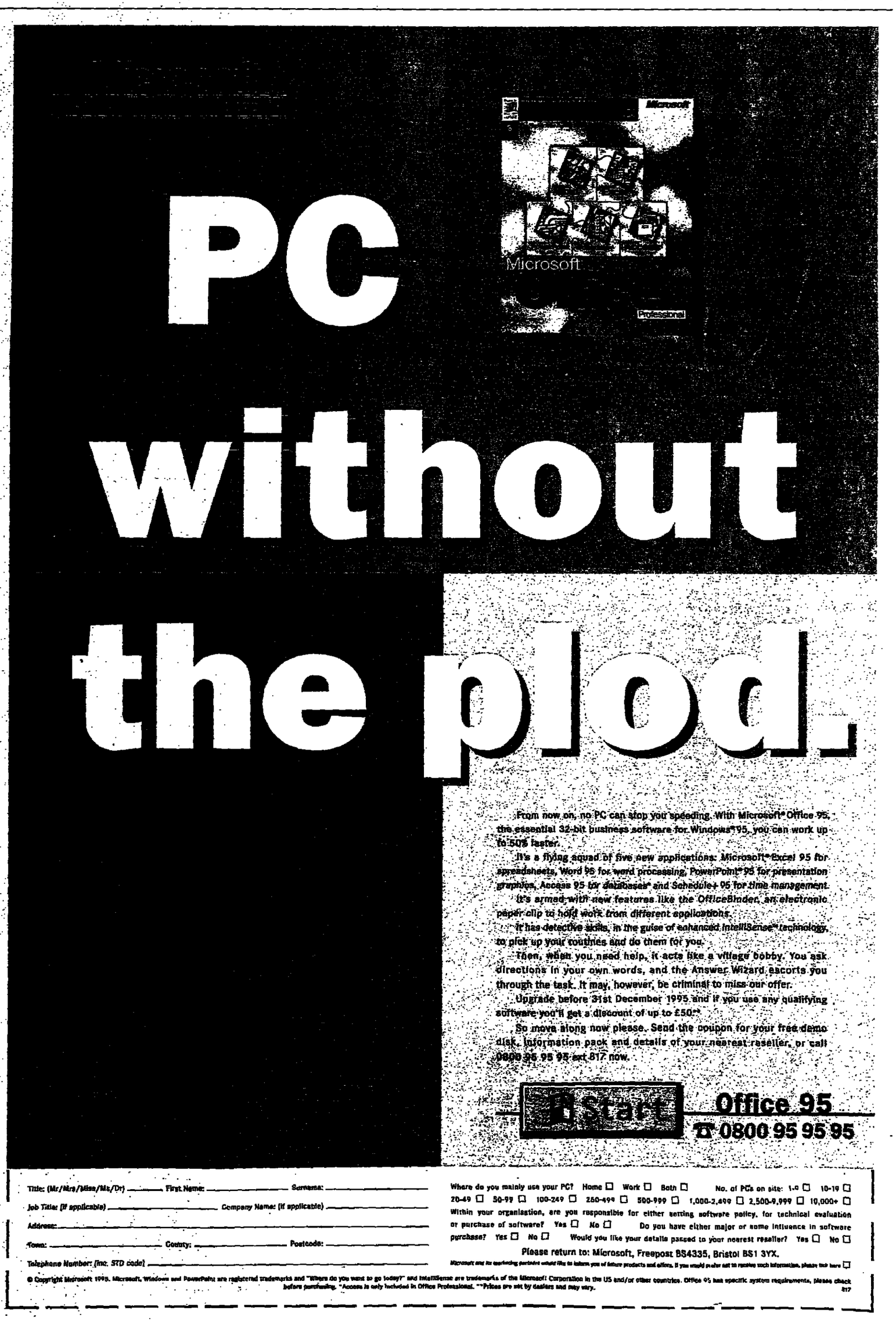
Two male and two female members of staff were suspended as part of the investigation and no longer work for the county. Reports were submitted to the CPS, but it decided not to prosecute as it did not consider the children could face a trial.

However, in the light of fresh information gathered by Mr Killgannon, Northumberland is asking the CPS to reopen its file on the alleged assaults at Meadowdale. The request is based on detailed information gathered by Mr Kilgannon who examined evidence of serious assault on 10 children and minor incidents involving 42 others.

The decision to reopen the files was welcomed by Linda Mason, 48, a former cook at Meadowdale, who claims her attempts to notify the authorities of what was happening were ignored. She said: "I am absolutely delighted. At last someone believes me."

Mrs Mason, from Blyth, Northumberland, added: "What one member of staff did to an autistic child was absolutely disgusting. When he was slow in eating his meal he had his face forced into the food. The same worker physically dragged him by the hair and ears down a corridor.

"I've even seen one handicapped child kicked on the back of the legs by a worker. When I complained all they did was change the shift patterns so I wasn't at work at the same time as her, but I was told that the abuse carried on. No matter what I did no one would do anything about the abuse — they just swept it all under the carpet."



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Street patrols must be increased to regain popular support, says auditors' draft report

Police deny claim that beat officers are badly trained

BY IAN MURRAY

THE police yesterday rejected allegations that officers on the beat were badly trained, inexperienced and poorly briefed.

A draft report, prepared after a year-long study by the Audit Commission, severely criticised inefficiencies and mismanagement in the 43 police forces throughout England and Wales. According to the leaked 98-page draft, only 5 per cent of police strength is out on the beat at any one time, even though 60 per cent of the forces' £4 billion budget is allocated to providing operational patrols.

Although police strength is up by 8 per cent compared with 15 years ago, the public wants to see still more police on the beat. The Prime Minister recognised this by promising to put a further 5,000 police on patrol at a cost of £100 million, and Tony Blair is calling for more community policing.

The commission researchers have identified four reasons why the police are unable to satisfy the public's expectations of more patrols. They say that demand has outstripped the growth in resources; that bad management means officers spend too much time rushing between incidents; that time allocated to patrols is often poorly targeted and unproductive; and that the public's expectations are not realistic.

The draft says that demand is likely to continue to grow. In 1980 each officer handled 17 emergency calls a year, but now has to cope with 44. Inefficient control rooms, poor shift systems and uncoordinated use of special constables are said to exacerbate the problem.

The researchers felt that patrols lacked clear objectives, with beat patrolling often left to the most junior officers, and that performance was judged by the amount of work done rather than its effectiveness. Briefing was often too detailed to be useful and only 5 per cent of officers said they were properly debriefed by their sergeants.

The overall draft conclusion is that police will have to provide more community-based patrols to regain the public's support. Suggested efficiency measures could include introducing a "333 line" to allow real emergency calls to be weeded out. The experts also suggest reorganising control rooms, providing better instruction for policemen on the beat and encouraging more senior officers to go back on street patrols.

The Audit Commission, an independent watchdog set up in 1983 to monitor efficiency in local government services and NHS Trusts, decided more than a year ago to study the police force. Since then its researchers have being visiting typical forces round the country. Their findings have been compared with other studies, including the commission's own league tables of police performance, published last April.

The draft conclusions were sent out ten days ago to each



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chief constable, as well as the county and metropolitan local authority associations and the Home Office. "One of those must have been leaked," the commission spokesman said. "If the commission is to consult as widely as it needs to, this sort of thing is perhaps inevitable. The trouble is that the leak undermines the validity of the consultation process and makes it more difficult to produce a balanced report."

Jim Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside Police and president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "It is wrong to suggest that in general patrolling officers are neither directed nor adequately briefed for their role. Many forces are moving to intelligence-driven, pro-active patrol work."

Superintendent Brian Mackenzie, president of the Police Superintendents' Association, denied that patrols were badly managed. "We have been managing patrolling officers far better than in the past. It does involve targeting of particular areas and briefings, and a lot of it is intelligence led," he said.

"The impression given, of officers simply aimlessly wandering about doing nothing, is wrong. It's difficult to quantify the value of the patrolling officer. What's undeniable is that the public, particularly the vulnerable such as the old, get tremendous reassurance from the patrolling officer."

Fred Broughton, national chairman of the Police Federation, said patrolling officers were a source of reassurance were and effective in tackling crime. "It is wrong to suggest the traditional patrolling is ineffective. In a recent survey for the Police Federation ... it was found that two out of every five officers on patrol had made an arrest during their most recent period of duty, and a third had used stop and search powers in respect of persons suspected of crime."

The Audit Commission's findings have yet to be authorised by the commission's board. The final report will be published in late spring.

Andrew Foster, the Audit Commission's Comptroller, confirmed yesterday that the experts had identified ways in which police deployment could be improved. "We've also found some excellent examples of good practice, too," he said. He was worried, however, that the findings would be sensationalised as a result of the leak.

The commission refused yesterday to provide any good examples to balance the swingeing criticisms contained in the leaked draft. "This report is now out for consultation and will certainly be amended in the light of what we are told," a spokesman said.

"The more coverage that is given to what the draft says the more credence is given to the idea that this is a finalised version. That undermines the consultation process which is a vital element in the development of the report."

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The public wants more police officers on the beat, although figures show that their impact on crime is minor

Public see bobbies as deterrent

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE public's apparently insatiable demand for more "bobbies on the beat" has driven chief constables and local authorities to deploy private security guards as well as constables. In spite of research suggesting that patrols have a minor impact on crime, many people see their presence as a deterrent.

Police are embarking on a number of measures to tackle the problem, despite severe constraints imposed by the Government on expenditure. Forces are employing increasing numbers of lower-paid civilian workers to free more officers for frontline law and order duties. The number of civilians employed by the 43 forces in England and Wales has risen from 16,300 in 1979 to 50,973 in 1995 and they now carry out jobs such as transcribing tapes of interviews with suspects and monitoring closed-circuit television cameras.

The top management of the service has been streamlined by cutting out more than 100 high-salary posts, including the ranks of deputy chief constable and chief superintendent. Michael Howard has said that cutting the police bureaucracy could free 3,000 officers for beat and other crime-fighting duties.

He has also acted to cut the huge amount of paperwork involved in bringing a prosecution. The Police Federation says that greater investment in information technology would free more officers for duties on the streets.

Mr Howard has also launched a drive to increase the number of Special Constables to 30,000 and has encouraged the creation of a network of Parish Constables to provide reassuring foot patrols in areas including Ironville in Derbyshire, Sleights in North Yorkshire, Yetminster in Dorset and Pembury in Kent.

He started a Street Watch scheme in which local residents 'patrolled' their neighbourhoods, acting as the eyes and ears of the police but with no more powers than any other citizen. However, Mr Howard said in June that a review of core and ancillary tasks did not find large numbers of duties that could be done by other agencies. The study found "no scope for the police to withdraw from any major area of work".

As the police have struggled to meet the public's demand for more officers on the beat, local communities and authorities have turned to the private security industry for help. On some housing estates in Bristol, residents hired private guards, while Islington council in north London hired guards for several estates after residents demanded action against crime and gangs of youths.

The local authority in Sedgefield, Co Durham, created its own municipal force and in Corby, Northamptonshire, the council has paid for extra police foot-patrols.

An independent inquiry by the Police Foundation recommended the creation of designated patrol officers who would have limited powers to deal with street crime such as minor public order offences, drunkenness or theft. The inquiry also suggested that municipal, local community groups and private security companies could carry out patrols under licence from the police.

PATROLS ARE PART OF TRAINING

Core duties were "prevention of crime ... the protection of life and property, the preservation of public tranquillity" when foot patrols began after the founding of the Metropolitan Police in 1829. Trainees today undertake 28-week course at police college in Hendon, north London.

Weeks 1-2: Physical training, basic principles.

Weeks 3-4: Allocated to division. Spend two weeks getting to know station and area including local landmarks, community leaders, courts and troublespots. Patrol in uniform for first time accompanied by qualified officer.

Weeks 5-18: Taught law, with practical tests such as how to stop a driver with a bald tyre. Many exercises are videotaped so mistakes can be discussed.

Week 19: Holiday.

Weeks 20-28: Back to the division on police duties. On patrol sometimes on their own or with an instructor.

DNA tests begin in Naomi Smith case

Detectives began taking DNA samples yesterday from 800 males aged between 15 to 28 in their hunt for the killer of Naomi Smith, the schoolgirl found dead in Ansley Common, Warwickshire, last month.

Graham Sutton, 26, the first to volunteer for a mouth swab, urged every man in the village to come forward for the test. Volunteers are being fingerprinted and photographed. Detective Inspector Mick Hayward could not say how long the screening would take. "We are telling officers to be as scrupulous as possible."

Campus raid

Two men wearing gas masks threatened the staff of a National Westminster bank on the Birmingham University campus with a gun and let off a smoke device. They escaped in a van with what police described as a susbstantial amount of cash.

British beans

The first British-grown baked beans have gone on sale after three years' research. They are being sold by Sainsbury's in seven stores around the country, and were developed by the supermarket chain with the Plant Breeding Institute in Cambridge.

Splasher fined

A deliveryman who soaked a pensioner at the roadside after driving into a puddle was fined £100 yesterday. Michael Estrin, of Oadby, Leicestershire, was convicted of driving without reasonable consideration by magistrates at Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Waved goodbye

A new £30,000 boat collected from Dover ran aground off Newhaven, East Sussex, in bad weather and was smashed up by mountainous waves, leaving only the engine. The 70-year-old owner and a friend were rescued from the 33ft vessel by lifeboat.

First past post

A village post office that opens 12 hours every day except Christmas Day has been named the best in Britain. Subpostmistress Jo Rees of Beddgelert, Gwynedd, received an engraved rosebowl and £750 from Post Office Counters in London.

Barely alive

A man escaped with minor bruising after falling three floors when the front of his house collapsed. George Gayle walked away from the wrecked house in Huddersfield wearing only his underpants. Builders had been working on the floor below.

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Rare disease may have killed Jane Austen



MEDICAL BRIEFING

THE death of Jane Austen intrigued the late Sir Zachary Cope, a consultant surgeon at St Mary's Hospital, London, and one of the great abdominal surgeons of his era. Sir Zachary was convinced that the author of *Pride and Prejudice* died of Addison's disease, a wasting ailment, and he explained his diagnosis in the *British Medical Journal*.

Addison's disease is an uncommon condition, which affects about four people in 100,000, in which the cortex of the adrenal glands, small endocrine glands near the kidneys, are destroyed. These glands produce various steroid hormones, in particular cortisol and aldosterone.

Thomas Addison, 1793-1860, was a physician at Guy's Hospital. During that time a common cause for the destruction of adrenal cortex was its infiltration by tuberculosis. Now that TB is comparatively rare, only 20 per cent of cases are related to TB. Most of the rest are thought to be the result of an auto-immune disease, a condition in which the body produces antibodies to its own tissue. A few cases of Addison's stem from a spread of malignant disease. It is occasionally seen in Aids cases.

If Austen had Addison's disease, this would not only have accounted for such symptoms as excessive weariness, muscle pains and a tendency to faint but also from weight loss and increasing pigmentation of her skin, which is recorded. The fainting attacks are the result of patients with Addison's having such low blood pressure — the consequence of lack of steroids — that when they stand suddenly they frequently feel dizzy and sometimes faint. The combination of weight loss, low blood pressure and an unusually tanned appearance usually alerts doctors to Addison's disease.

Excessive skin pigmentation is a result of a compensatory increased production of the adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) by the pituitary gland, it first becomes obvious in freckles and moles, and scars become deeply pigmented. Parts of the body, such as the genitalia or the area around the nipple, which normally have a darker hue can appear almost slate grey.

Whereas any darkening in a healthy person's skin predominantly affects areas exposed to sunlight, in patients with Addison's the covered parts of the body also appear well tanned. Patches of dark pigmentation are even seen in the mouth and the creases of the palms. Addison's disease produces many of the symptoms usually associated with a neurotic personality. Sufferers give a vague history of aching limbs, loss of appetite, ill-defined depression, dizziness, nausea and an unreliable bowel.

The weakness and tiredness is particularly marked and the difference between it and a patient suffering from an illness with a physical cause, such as Addison's, and one stemming from psychological causes is that in the former sleep brings about some recovery, whereas those with neurotic illnesses tend to be as weary in the morning as in the evening.

Following damage to the adrenal cortex by Addison's there are changes in sex hormone production resulting in amenorrhoea in women and impotence in men. In both sexes there is a loss of libido and interest in the opposite sex, not a symptom which is likely to have troubled Jane Austen while she was writing *Pride and Prejudice*.

Treatment of Addison's is through the replacement of the steroid hormones which have been lost as a result of damage to the adrenal cortex. Treatment is a matter of emergency as patients may be unable to tolerate sudden trauma and suffer fatal collapse.



Austen: thought to have died from Addison's

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

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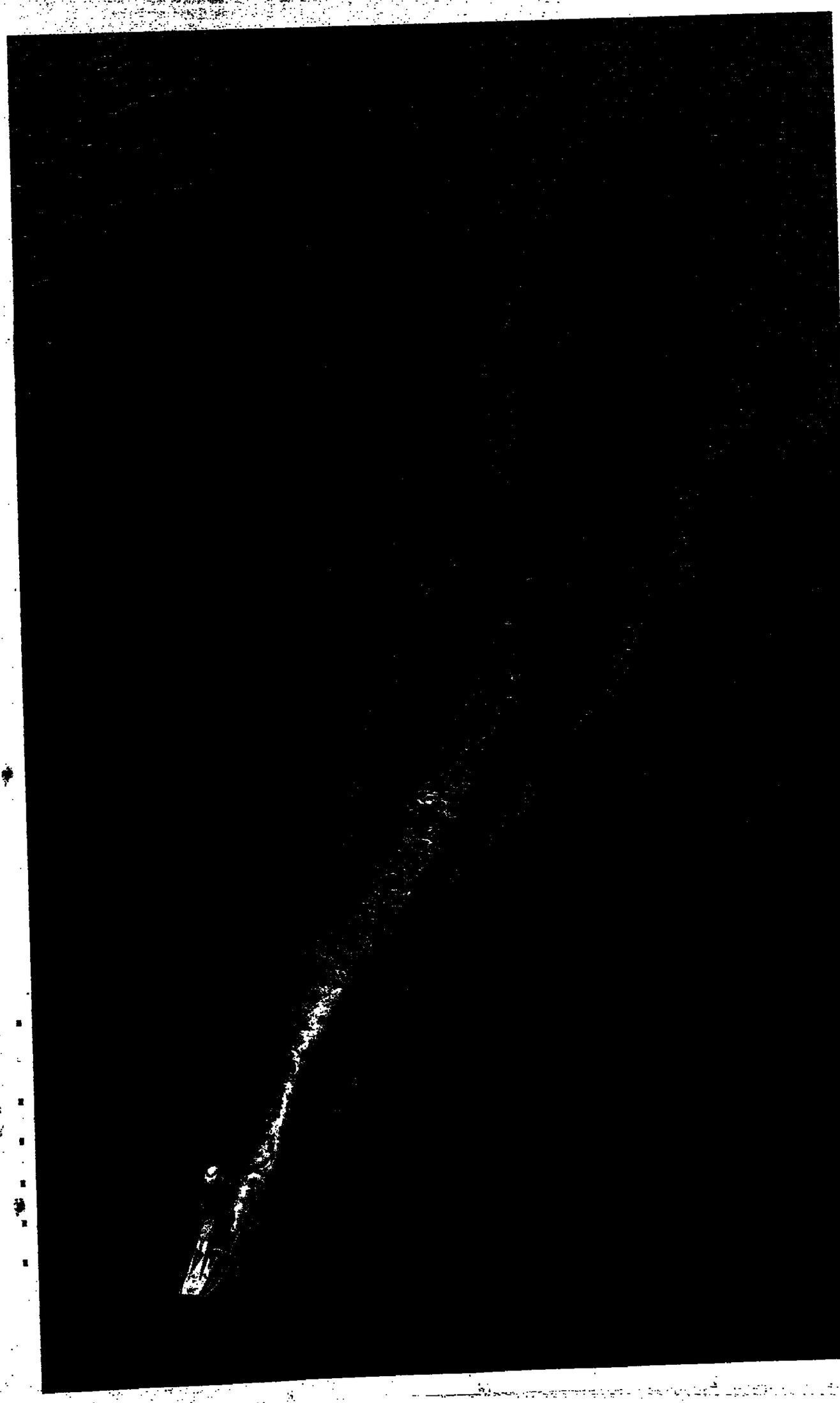
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£3bn tax cutback is not enough, Right tells Clarke

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

KENNETH CLARKE will face demands from the Tory Right today for £7 billion in tax cuts as he brings together senior ministers to resolve the wrangle over public spending in the run-up to the election.

John Townend, chairman of the backbench Conservative Finance Committee, will use a speech to express the Right's dissatisfaction with the £3 billion of tax cuts being floated at Westminster for next month's Budget.

At a private meeting last night with William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Tory MPs pressed home the message that a modest package of spending and tax reductions would not be enough. Before the meeting, one leading figure said that the Government must realise it was facing its last chance and that the public would "laugh off" cuts equivalent to just 1.5p off the basic rate of income tax. The MP said the trouble was that ministers were backing spending reductions in general while fiercely defending their own patch.

Mr Townend, in a speech at York University, will say that the Chancellor is boxed in by rising public borrowing, which some MPs fear could grow to £35 billion this year. He will urge the Treasury to "cut spending pound for pound with tax cuts" and ignore protests from spending ministers and pressure groups.

Today's meeting of EDX, the Cabinet committee struggling to settle disputes between the Treasury and spending ministers, comes against a darkening economic outlook for tax cuts and the failure of almost all the ministers to agree their budgets for 1996-97. Pressures on budgets have been increased by spending commitments made at the party conference, such as £150 million for 5,000 extra police and more closed-circuit security cameras.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, and Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, are still battling for extra money while Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, is trying to resist further inroads into his £85 billion budget.

It is understood that Sir Terence Burns, the Treasury permanent secretary, and his officials painted a gloomy picture at last week's pre-Budget summit with the Chancellor at Dorneywood. They told him that tax revenues were running below expectations while public spending was exceeding official limits, so threatening a big overshoot on the revised public sector borrowing requirement of £23.5 billion for this year.

Mr Clarke cautioned against swingeing cuts in politically sensitive public services such as health and education. The meeting concluded that if Mr Waldegrave succeeded in trimming back departmental budgets there should still be scope for a modest tax giveaway of up to £3 billion. The Transport Department's £6 billion budget is under scrutiny, with a £200 million saving in the roads programme proposed.

Mr Dorrell is seeking an extra £300 million to fund another 500 new medical students and improved patient services, while Mrs Shephard is believed to be demanding £800 million more, partly to cover nursery education places.

Mr Lilley has already promised savings of £200 million from his measures to restrict benefits for asylum seekers, and big savings from a further assault on benefit fraud. But he is being pressed for substantial cutbacks in lone parent payments and housing benefit.

There were also unconfirmed reports yesterday that Mr Waldegrave is seeking to lop £120 million off the Scottish Office budget and £80 million off the Welsh Office budget.

Tories feel need for magic of Saatchi

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

INFLUENTIAL Tories are pressing for Maurice Saatchi, the mastermind behind the party's advertising campaign in four successive general elections, to be given the job again next time.

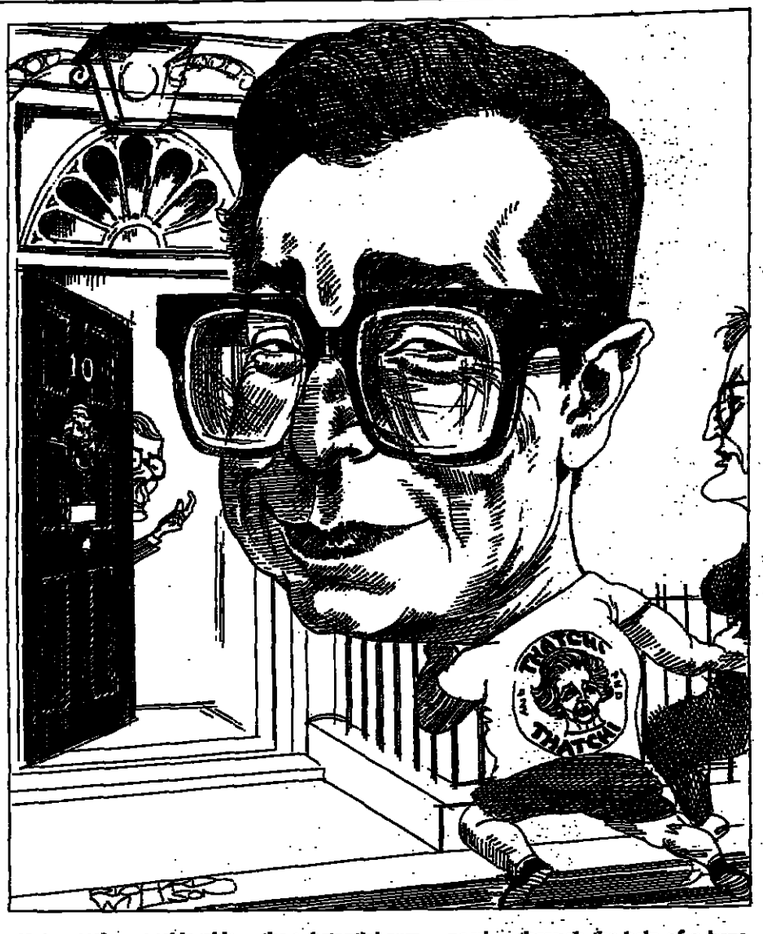
A behind-the-scenes struggle, however, is likely with his old agency, Saatchi and Saatchi, now named Cordiant, which he left along with his brother Charles last year after a campaign by a group of American shareholders to oust him. Cordiant has retained the Tory account, in spite of the brothers' departure, and Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, is working on the assumption that it will run the next election advertising campaign as well.

There is fierce rivalry between Cordiant and the new agency founded by Mr Saatchi, M and C Saatchi Ltd. Earlier this year he wrested the prestigious £60 million British Airways account away from his old company, and would clearly like to regain the Tory account. It was Saatchi and Saatchi's attachment to Margaret Thatcher during her trio of election successes that helped to make it one of the best known and most successful advertising companies in the world.

John Major, who continues to receive considerable private help and advice from Mr Saatchi, who is also a long-time confidant of Baroness Thatcher, has left the appointment of advertising agency to Mr Mawhinney. There are no plans for any change.

One severe complication is the substantial sum — possibly hundreds of thousands of pounds — that the Tories are understood to owe Cordiant from the 1992 campaign. Advertising industry sources say the only way that the new Saatchi company could come into the running would be that if the Tories were able, through the help of a benefactor, to pay off its debt to Cordiant.

Ministers believe that Mr Major would be keen, if it were possible, to use the expertise that served him well at the last general election and Lady Thatcher before him.



Free vote likely on pay disclosure

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Tories have failed to prevent a Commons vote on whether MPs should disclose all their outside earnings.

Tory members of a Commons committee tried to persuade opposition MPs to drop plans to call for such disclosure. However, with the committee unable to agree a clear recommendation on outside earnings, full disclosure is likely to be among a set of options put to a Commons free vote next month. With a recent poll having suggested that one third of Tories would support disclosure, Labour leaders believe that radical changes could be implemented by the end of the year.

Senior MPs on the Commons Standards in Public Life Committee are expected to unite behind other proposals to limit the work carried out for lobbying consultancies. The committee, which is completing its report, is expected to propose that MPs be allowed to advise outside groups but be barred from any kind of advocacy on lobbyists' behalf, either through speaking in the Commons or tabling questions and motions.

MPs are also likely to face tighter controls on writing newspaper articles. The committee is preparing to propose that contracts for journalism be brought under new rules governing the disclosure of non-parliamentary earnings.

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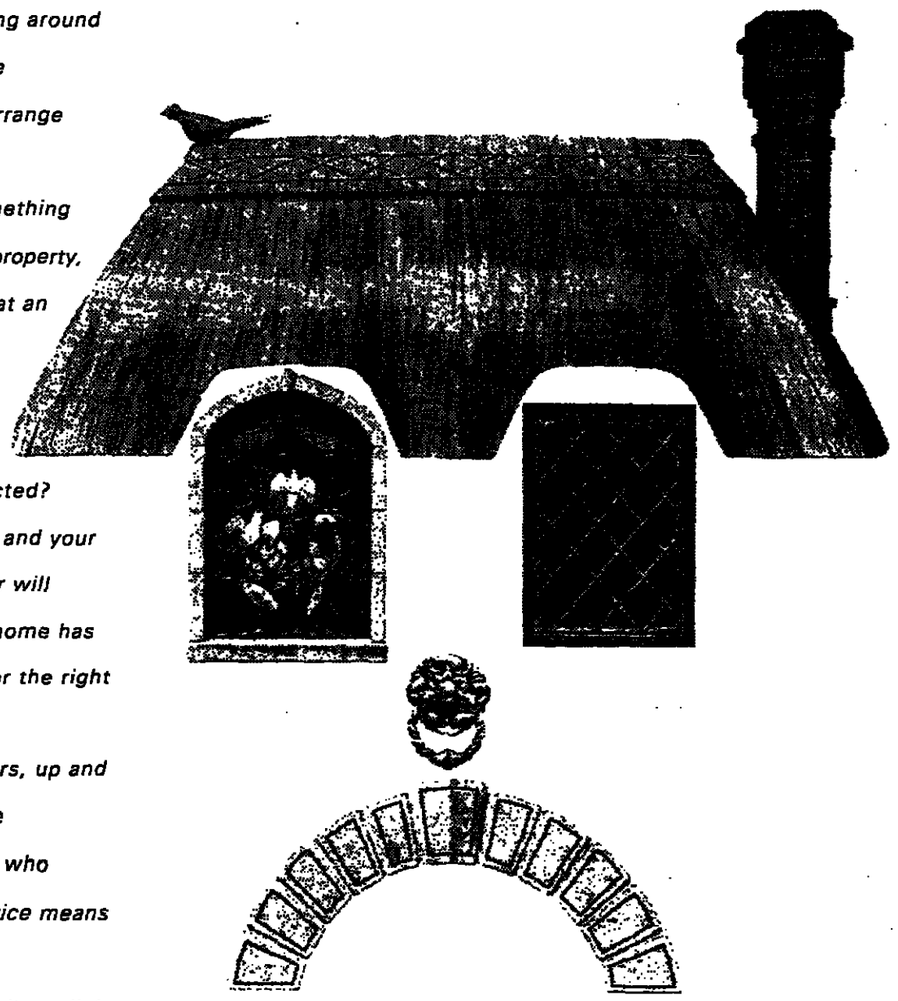
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Old 'wet' has new faith in smaller government

John Major's strategy last night received the endorsement of the two leading educated gentlemen of the Tory party — the library rather than the saloon-bar wing. Douglas Hurd and Chris Patten, the elder statesman and the thinking man's politician, delivered parallel speeches illustrating how far the party's views have shifted. They offered as neat an encapsulation of Majorism as we are likely to hear: uniting previous wets and dries, pro-Europeans and Euro-realists, leaving outside only the zealots.

Mr Hurd offered one of his classic "reasonable man" speeches. After all the upheavals of recent years, there is now a chance for a more settled policy. There would, he suggested, be no more great leaps forward towards integration. Instead, the European Union should "concentrate on harvesting what we have already sown": the mix of pooled sovereignty on trade matters and of inter-governmental cooperation on foreign and security policy, reinforced by expansion into central and eastern Europe and, westwards, towards a North Atlantic Free Trade area. Specifically rejecting a United States of Europe, he instead urged a European Union of nations.

This is not what pro-Europeans were talking about in the 1970s and 1980s, or what Sir Edward Heath, Mr Hurd's former mentor, and his allies still favour. Mr Hurd provided a semi-plausible rationale for the "courteous" scepticism of Malcolm Rifkind. It is only semi-plausible because neither the world nor the Tory party is as reasonable or courteous as Mr Hurd. Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Jacques Santer do not accept Mr Hurd's belief that the European Union should now consolidate. Within the Tory party, there are many who regard the current truce as a pause, rather than a peace [redacted] treaty, before hostilities are resumed after the next election. The passions released by Michael Portillo will not be easy to control.

Mr Patten spoke from the more detached viewpoint of Government House, Hong Kong. His vision of Europe is less determined by the battles of attrition in the Tory party since 1992. From "an Asian perspective", as he put it, his central themes were that Britain cannot stand apart from Europe — "it would be economically disastrous and strategically dangerous" — and that Britain has the chance to lead over relations with the world outside and in developing a new European enterprise. "Now is the time to lead the field, not leave it."

The emphasis on enterprise is revealing. In early 1991, at the start of the Major premiership, he was the leading advocate of the Tories adopting a Christian Democrat approach in the continental tradition. Now, after more than three years in Hong Kong, he talks about "a reaffirmation of liberal economic values, a rejection of flabby collectivism". He has been impressed by the almost Victorian belief in progress and hope in Asia. Mr Patten now sounds much less the Tory pessimist worn down by the cynicism of Westminster.

The old "wet" of the early 1980s has turned into a convert to smaller government. Saying he is not "an advocate of a slash and burn approach to public spending", he argues that "his three years in the fastest growing region in the world have impressed on me that some reduction in the State's take of national income is an essential condition for more rapid growth as well as for lower rates, which themselves help to spur growth. I find it hard to accept that existing public, taxpayer-funded provision is so pluperfect that it cannot be snipped, pruned or in some cases even dismantled."

Mr Patten concludes, like Robert Skidelsky in his recent *The World After Communism*, that the authority of states can only be restored by shrinking what they do. Facing up to the implications is the most serious challenge not only for the Major Government but also for Tony Blair's "new" Labour Party.

PETER RIDDELL

Tories ignore party rules to select whipless rebel

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE last of the whipless Tory rebels has been backed by his constituency association to stand at the next election, even though he remains outside the parliamentary party.

In an unprecedented move, senior members of the new Boston and Skegness Conservative Association have decided to recommend to their members that Sir Richard Body be selected as prospective parliamentary candidate. Sir Richard, 68, whose seat of Holland with Boston has been redrawn by the Boundary Commission, resigned the party whip last November in protest at government plans to increase Britain's contribution to the European Union budget.

The recommendation, agreed unanimously by the local party's executive council at a meeting with Sir Richard on Tuesday night, will be put to the full membership next month. The move comes in defiance of party rules, which forbid any whipless MP from standing as an official candidate at a general election.

A Central Office spokeswoman said: "If the association declines to select an alternative candidate, then it would be disaffiliated from the National Union."

Local party sources understand that Sir Richard, who has represented the area since 1966 and been an MP since 1955, is likely to regain the whip in time for the election. But it is clear that he will do so on his own terms and when he chooses.

Richard Edgington, the new party chairman, said the executive council was interested only in official Tory candidates. "We are loyal Conservatives," he said. "Sir Richard knows full well that an official Conservative candidate cannot be without the whip. From what we heard last night from Sir Richard, we are prepared to recommend him."

Yesterday Sir Richard said: "All I can say is that there was a unanimous decision to select me for the new constituency. He refused to be drawn on whether he would have the whip.

Friends said [redacted] keen to "teach Central Office for as long as possible because of interference by national party officials in the constituency. It is understood that some senior Tories were asked to write to the former Tory chairwoman of Holland with Boston urging that Sir Richard be pressed to change his views or even that he be dropped. "The idea was to turn the heat on her," one said. "Central Office has been the bully boys in this."

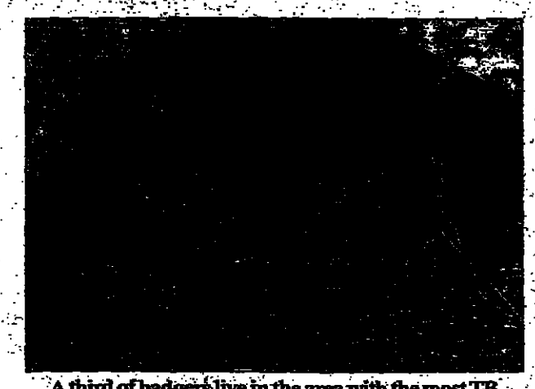
The Central Office spokeswoman denied any interference. "It is not our role to do that," she said.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons questions to defence ministers and the Prime Minister (taken by Michael Heseltine). Debates on "environmental concerns in Scotland" and the "plight of pensioners in Wales". In the Lords the Disability Discrimination Bill, Medical (Professional Performance) Bill, report stage; Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulations.

TODAY in the Commons backbench debates on [illegible], questions to Foreign Office ministers, followed by a debate on the Queen's Speech. In the National Lottery Bill, debates on environmental issues in Cornwall and London Euro-[illegible] and Channel Tunnel rail link. Debate on the Education (Schools) Bill, [illegible] of the promotion of [illegible]

Farmers demand wider badger cull to curb tuberculosis in cattle



A third of badgers live in the area with the most TB

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS called yesterday for stringent measures to stop badgers spreading tuberculosis to cattle and destroying crops.

In a report submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Farmers' Union said that all TB-infected badgers should be killed and that the culling of others should be licensed where they are a pest. Farmers attribute a rapid rise in the number of dairy herds infected with TB to badgers, but wildlife groups say there is no clear evidence that the animals are spreading the disease.

The number of dairy herds infected with TB rose almost threefold between 1991 and 1994, from 126 to 365, of which 277 were in southwest England. The number of TB-infected cattle slaughtered rose to 2,773 last year from 1,626 three years earlier.

Hugh Oliver-Bellasis, a Hampshire farmer who chaired the working party that produced the report, said: "We are convinced that badgers are implicated in the spread of the disease, which causes severe financial loss. It is essential that all infected badgers are taken out and that their setts are filled in."

The Ministry of Agriculture slaughters badgers if they react positively to a blood test for TB introduced last November to reduce the numbers being killed; previously it had simply slaughtered badgers in areas with TB-infected herds. However, the new test is reliable only 40 per cent of the time, so that many infected badgers are missed while uninfected ones are killed.

Under current policy, lactating sows are spared so as to avoid leaving cubs motherless. The NFU says lactating sows must be culled as well.

Ian Ham, who keeps a 450-strong dairy herd near Axbridge, Somerset, said: "It sounds a bit brutal, but leaving infected sows to go free simply compounds the problem. The ideal solution would be a TB vaccine for badgers and cattle, but that is years ahead. In the meantime, we must have tougher controls." Mr Ham had three cases of TB in his herd this year, the first time it had suffered from the disease in 14 years. "I cannot prove it but I have no doubt it is linked to an increase in badgers.

"The badgers have established a latrine close to the road along which the cattle walk on their way to graze, and this could have been the source of infection. The badgers also damage the maize I grow as animal feed, rolling and trampling the crop to get at the cob."

Dairy farms with cattle that test positive for TB are quarantined for up to six months, and calves that would have been sent to market have to be kept on the farm. Farmers are compensated for slaughtered cattle, but this covers only 75 per cent of their market value. The NFU report says badgers have moved out of woodland habitats to dig setts in open fields. "There have been instances of calves falling down setts in pasture land, and cows breaking legs and having to be destroyed," it says. About a third of the estimated 250,000 badgers in Britain live in southwest England — the area with the highest incidence of TB in both cattle and badgers.

Warren Cresswell, an ecologist and member of the National Federation of Badger Groups, said that badger culling should be suspended while more research was done. "Twenty years of killing an average of 1,000 badgers a year has not reduced cattle TB in any way."

Budget cuts will add to pressure

30% more primary pupils taught in classes of over 40

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE number of primary school children in classes of 36 or more has increased by 11 per cent in a year, government figures disclosed yesterday. The total of 108,000 is expected to rise further as cuts to local authorities' education budgets take effect.

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, obtained the statistics in parliamentary written answers which also disclosed that more than 13,000 primary pupils were in classes of 40 or more in January, an increase of 30 per cent on last year.

Ministers acknowledged last week that more than 1.15 million primary pupils were being taught in classes bigger than 30. Mr Foster said that the new figures were an embarrassment for a Government which had boasted of falling class sizes during the 1980s. He urged MPs to vote against any Budget proposals which threatened to worsen the situation.

The figures were "very worrying" and showed that over-large classes were a problem for a significant number of children, he said. "It is my absolute belief that children taught in classes of 40 or more cannot be receiving the high quality education they deserve and the nation needs them to have."

The issue of class sizes was taken to the top of the political agenda by Tony Blair's pledge at the Labour conference that the party would ensure that no primary pupil aged five to eight was taught in a class of more than 30. The Liberal Democrats have resisted making any similar commitment, which Mr Foster described as a gimmick.



Foster: described trend as "very worrying"

He said European experience showed that statutory limits on class sizes were unworkable, but agreed that classes of more than 30 were unacceptable. Instead he challenged Labour to vote against any Budget tax cuts if they meant that education funding would be hit.

Labour said that the onus was on the Government to take action to curb classroom numbers. Estelle Morris, an education spokeswoman, said: "We need action rather than words from ministers to make sure that this year's crisis is not repeated next year and that class sizes don't rise yet further. The Government should ensure that all our schools have a fair deal next year."

A spokesman for the Department for Education and Employment said that 2.8 per cent of primary school pupils were in classes of 36 or more, compared with 5.8 per cent in 1979. He added: "Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools has never suggested that current class sizes are depressing standards.

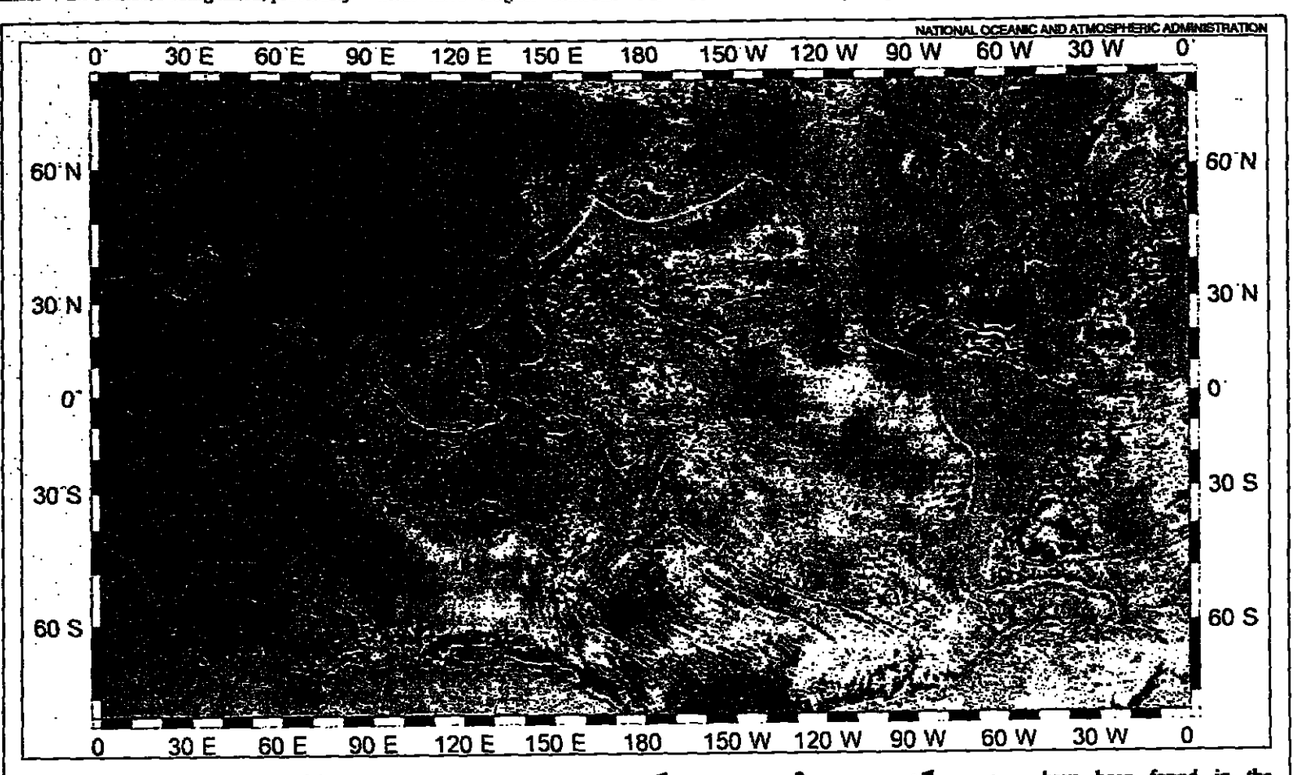
"It is the quality of teaching that counts. No account is taken in these figures of the thousands of classroom assistants who now help out in the early years." An "artificial restriction" on class size would restrict parents from choosing the schools of their choice, he said.

The continuing rise in class sizes comes after parents and governors protested about the Government's refusal to fund last year's teachers' 2.7 per cent pay award and last November's tight council spending settlements. However, these have yet to influence official figures, which are for January.

The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has already said that schools will have to find next year's teacher pay increase from efficiency savings in their budgets.

The rising birthrate has put 86,000 extra pupils in schools from September, requiring 5,000 more teachers to maintain the ratio of 18.3 pupils to one teacher. The Association of County Councils said this would cost £190 million. Estimates of teacher posts lost through redundancy and non-recruitment in the past year vary from 5,000 to 14,000.

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Sea map reveals ravines that dwarf the Grand Canyon

A detailed map of the ocean floor depicting previously unknown underwater volcanoes and submerged ravines more dramatic than the Grand Canyon has been published by American scientists (Quentin Letts writes).

The map, on which red indicates the shallow areas and blue the deepest, covers all seas on the globe and is said to be 30 times more detailed than previous attempts.

It has been made possible by the release of classified data from the United States Navy, which guarded such information for its submarines during the Cold War. Civilian beneficiaries may include weather forecasters, fishermen and mining companies searching for fresh oil fields.

Scientists at America's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration collated the navy's data, which measured sea levels around the Earth to within an inch. The levels can depend on the shape of the seabed below; a submerged mountain, for instance, causing a bump on the surface of the sea.

These readings were married to gravity readings from a recent European satellite. One scientist who worked on the project said: "It's like being able to drain the oceans and look at the Earth from space."

Elliot Hurwitz, an official from the administration, said: "Sea topography has not been subjected to the same erosion as things on the Earth's surface, so the mountains are a lot more rugged. Anything bigger than six miles is shown up." Particularly deep ravines have been found in the Pacific. A gorge off California is "far deeper and wider than the Grand Canyon".

Weather forecasts may benefit from the improved detail because sea ridges and dips affect ocean circulation, and those currents in turn affect on climate.

A large example of the map is on show in Washington DC. The raw data are available on the Internet and user-friendly images will be available soon. A colour print is on sale for $40 from a geological centre in California (tel: 001 619 534 2752).

Customs staff withdrawn from 'low-risk' ports

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST all customs cover is being withdrawn from ports and airports where the risk of smuggling is thought to be low, the head of Customs and Excise said yesterday.

Val Strachan told MPs: "Most passengers are honest; they want to pay duty on the goods they have bought abroad." However her officials were "very conscious" that low-risk points of entry could swiftly become higher risk as drug smugglers and other criminals identified places where Customs officials were few.

A total of 292 customs officers had been removed from airports and ports and a further 300 would be removed by 1997-98, Ms Strachan told the Treasury and Civil Service Committee. She said that, as a result of the cuts, imposed in a Treasury review of customs expenditure, she had decided to concentrate resources at points of entry guaranteed to produce large seizures of drugs and contraband, such as Heathrow and Dover.

She denied that there were any ports or airports that were now customs-free but said: "We have spread cover which is thin in a flexible way."

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat MP for Gordon, told Ms Strachan that there was a sign at Aberdeen airport telling travellers: "Please ring this bell and ask for a customs officer."

Ms Strachan said that it was a "facility for the honest . . . we don't expect the drug smuggler or the bootlegger to ring the bell and say 'I am quite interesting.'"

She said that "hit squads" would periodically monitor low-cover ports to see if the risk was still low.

A total of 4,000 job losses in Customs, including 550 anti-smuggling staff, were announced last year, but this is the first time the effect of the cuts has been disclosed, after the Treasury over-ruled the protests of Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

There are seven airports in Britain receiving scheduled flights from abroad at which there are no full-time immigration staff. They are Belfast, Teesside, Humberside, Biggin Hill, Eastleigh (Southampton), Exeter and Kirkwall.

Doctor is jailed for child sex

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND
IN BANGKOK

A BRITISH doctor who set up a practice in Cambodia was sentenced to two years in jail yesterday for sexual assault on children.

Dr Gavin Scott, 39, who administered to the resident expatriate community and a local international school, was found guilty of five counts of rape. He had denied the charges. He was also ordered to pay the equivalent of £250 to each of five victims, all boys under 15.

He is the first foreigner to be jailed for taking part in Phnom Penh's flourishing child sex trade. Benito Chuchateau Arminjon, head of Krousar Thmay [New Family], a child support group said: "We hope this will now discourage foreign men from coming to Cambodia to take advantage of its children."

But Scott will have to serve only one month in prison as 18 months of the sentence have been suspended and he has already spent five months in custody.

The court was told during the one-day hearing that the boys involved were being hired out by a pimp.

Dead stars vie for Christmas No 1

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE late pop stars John Lennon and Freddie Mercury will be competing for the top of the charts this Christmas. Long after their fans thought they had heard the last of the two stars, Lennon will feature on an album of previously unreleased recordings by The Beatles and Mercury will perform the last recordings he made.

Mercury died from an Aids-related illness in November 1991. In his last months, knowing that he was dying, he told the other members of Queen that he would record material for them whenever he felt strong enough to visit the studio. "I'll give you as much as I can," he said.

The Queen guitarist Brian May said: "By the time we were doing it we knew we would be on borrowed time because Freddie had been told he would never make it. We just tried to make the best use of him. He would come in for a few hours."



Lennon recorded vocals shortly before his death. Mercury's last work is being seen as his epitaph

Mercury also wrote some of the material. One song, A Winter's Tale, was his last. Queen's twentieth album, to be released on November 6, is called Made in Heaven and is being seen as an epitaph to the flamboyant Mercury.

Queen has already held the Christmas No 1 spot once since his death when Bohemian Rhapsody was re-released to raise money for Aids research. Queen has also joined forces with the British Film Institute in a venture that involves them investing £500,000 in up to ten short films inspired by Queen material.

The Beatles Anthology 1 features Lennon's vocals on the new single Free as a Bird, which he recorded shortly before he was shot dead outside his New York apartment in December 1980. George Harrison, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr reunited to record music to back the vocals, creating the first new Beatles single since the band split in 1970.

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Berlusconi seeks to topple Dini in desperate attempt to regain power


Dini: fate lies in hands of MPs in the Centre

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO BERLUSCONI, the Forza Italia leader, yesterday launched a desperate attempt to regain power before his possible conviction for alleged corruption. He did so as Italian MPs debated his motion of no confidence in the Government of Lamberto Dini, the Prime Minister.

Signor Berlusconi's hopes of toppling the technocrat Government were enhanced when the extreme left-wing *Rifondazione Comunista* party announced that its 24 MPs would support the no-confidence motion when it comes to the vote in the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow. If the Government falls, President Scalfaro will come under pressure to call a general election, probably in January.

The outcome of the vote is in the hands of a handful of still undecided MPs in small parties of the Centre, and it is not impossible that Signor Dini will survive. But the mood of the country is such that President Scalfaro is widely expected to call an election by March, whatever happens tomorrow.

Signor Berlusconi argues that, since his Freedom Alliance won the last general election in March 1994, the will of the people has been violated and that new elections should be held. His demands that "Il Rospo" (The Toad), as Signor Dini is known to the press, should go, have become ever more strident since earlier this month when Signor Berlusconi was ordered to stand trial on bribery charges on January 17.

The media tycoon, who resigned as Prime Minister in September, vigorously protests his innocence, but clearly would rather fight an election before undergoing the humiliation of a trial and possible conviction and prison sentence. Signor Berlusconi also believes it necessary to seize the political initiative to foil plans to create a new coalition grouping of the Centre that could have as its figurehead Antonio Di Pietro, the former magistrate who spearheaded Italy's anti-corruption crackdown. Signor Di Pietro has confirmed that he is preparing to enter politics.

The political crisis began last week, when centre-left parties in the Senate impeached Filippo Mancuso, the Justice Minister, over his alleged attempts to sabotage the work of the anti-corruption magistrates investigating Signor Berlusconi's Finivest empire. An appeal by Signor Mancuso, a 73-year-old Sicilian former judge, to the Constitutional Court against his dismissal was yesterday adjourned until tomorrow.

Signor Berlusconi contends that Signor Dini's refusal to support Signor Mancuso was part of a political campaign against him and that the Government must go because it is no longer the impartial stop-gap administration that was originally conceived.

Signor Mancuso has called into question Signor Dini's credibility by claiming that the Prime Minister supported his efforts to curb over-zealous magistrates. He also attacked the probity of President Scalfaro, claiming that the head of state had put pressure on him to cover up the results of an inquiry into alleged abuse of secret service funds when the President was Interior Minister.

Since he became Prime Minister, Signor Dini, a former central bank director-general, has passed substantial reforms of the state pension system as part of an effort to curtail the budget deficit. However, he has been criticised by the employers' federation for not taking tougher measures to bring down public indebtedness in line with targets set by the Maastricht treaty.

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Algerians use London as base to incite terror

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PAMPHLETS circulating in London mosques are calling for the shooting of Westerners in Algeria, the kidnapping and murder of government officials, the hijacking of planes and the sabotage of peace talks to end the civil war.

The police and MI5 have stepped up surveillance of Islamic radicals after strong protests from France and Algeria that London has become a haven for terrorists plotting the assassination of intellectuals, politicians and journalists in Algeria.

Tough new measures to stop the spread of the Algerian war into Europe will be a key topic when President Chirac meets John Major in London next week.

The pamphlets in Arabic are outspoken in inciting violence and assassination. "Hold a stone, trigger a bomb, plant a mine, hijack a plane, do not ask how," one begins. "Do something, to prove that on your shoulders there stands a head, not a piece of cheese. The times of kidnapping are not over yet, do something."

For the past two years newspapers have been distributed in mosques and among Britain's Muslim community boasting about the number of Westerners killed and of the ambushes and actions against Algerian military forces.

Al-Ansar, a mouthpiece of radicals, reported in September 1993 that the Algerian Government was suppressing news of the kidnapping of Westerners in order not to cause panic; four months later the paper gloated over the killing of a Russian diplomat in Algiers.


Al-Ansar: a mouthpiece of Algerian radicals in London

The Algerian Government claims that because Britain's asylum laws do not proscribe political activity as long as it does not break British law, dissident exiles are flocking to London to take advantage of the good communications and large number of Arab newspapers published here.

The Algerians claim that Britain has become a centre for subversion, and diplomats are urging Britain to prosecute anyone plotting terrorism and assassination.

Over the past nine months there has been an influx of radical activists, mainly from Algeria but also from other North African countries, especially Tunisia, Egypt, and the Gulf states. A Muslim fundamentalist network offers newcomers contacts, accommodation, money and legal advice.

British security officials have long kept an eye on such networks, but the spate of bombings in France and pressure from French anti-terrorist officials have led to unprecedented intelligence co-operation.

Mr Major told Arab ambassadors in London earlier this year that radical dissidents were not welcome in London and were abusing British hospitality. He gave a clear hint that Britain would be reluctant to grant them asylum.

Activists continue to denounce their governments, however, and Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, will come under renewed pressure in when he visits Saudi Arabia next week.

Britain has refused asylum to Muhammad Massari, the head of a Saudi Islamist opposition group called the Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights. Dr Massari has won the first round in his appeal against his expulsion order, however, and is still active in denouncing corruption and the Saudi Royal Family.

A new complication is the use of foreign broadcasting stations licensed and based in Britain to air messages considered subversive by Muslim governments.

Mr Rifkind was sharply attacked by his Turkish hosts during last month's visit to Ankara over the broadcasts from a Turkish-language station, Med-TV, which Ankara said advocated Kurdish separatism.

Investigations of Med-TV and of some Arabic language publications have now begun to see whether they contravene prohibitions on subversion or incitement to racial hatred.

British law and traditions of tolerance have been pointed out to the Algerians, Saudis, Tunisians and others calling for a clampdown. They insist, however, that although they respect British traditions of asylum, they cannot accept that dissidents should be free to continue subversion from offices in London.

The Home Office has announced a general tightening of asylum regulations, however. Arab governments have been told that this would probably stop many of those considered to be terrorists from settling in Britain.

French police detain 13

Paris: French police detained 13 people yesterday in raids on suspected Muslim extremists in Paris. The swoop was ordered by Laurence Le Vert, an investigating judge who on Monday jailed two Frenchmen of North African origin on suspicion of links to a militant Algerian group blamed for a wave of bombings in France. *(Reuter)*


Jacques Chirac making his nuclear test announcement during an interview with Larry King

France learns of nuclear tests curb from American television interview

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS AND CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

FRANCE will probably carry out four more underground nuclear explosions in the South Pacific, two fewer than planned, President Chirac announced during a Monday night interview on America's CNN television network.

It was the first time a French President had given a live TV interview in English. In France, it was translated with with a voice-over.

The move to scale-back the number of tests may assuage some of the international outrage over France's resumption of testing, but it angered opposition MPs who wondered why the President made an announcement on this volatile issue through a foreign medium — and in a foreign language.

Like other international politicians, American presidential candidates and Hollywood celebrities, M Chirac chose Larry King, the veteran American talk show host, as the conduit for one of his most important pronouncements.

The former Socialist Prime Minister Laurent Fabius was shocked that the President, in New York for the United Nation's 50th anniversary celebrations, had told the American public of his nuclear plans before his own country. "We are the French parliament. The fact that we have never been able to have a debate on this matter and that one must learn about it through an American television network, that is a fairly shocking thing," M Fabius said.

Last June M Chirac said up to eight underground tests would be necessary to ensure the safety and effectiveness of France's nuclear arsenal before adopting computer-simulated tests. But he told Larry King "probably four more" would be sufficient, adding testing would be completed by next spring.

Two nuclear tests have taken place at the Mururoa and Fangataufa atolls, sparking widespread condemnation in the South Pacific.

In Brussels, the European Commission yesterday backed down from confrontation with France over the tests, ruling there were no grounds for action under the Union's atomic energy treaty.

In the face of the anger of Socialist and Green members, Jacques Santer, Commission President, told the European Parliament that after inspections and analysis of French data, the Brussels body had decided the tests presented no threat to health and safety.

Mr Santer emphasised the unanimity of Monday's decision. Though expected, it was greeted with relief in Paris and allied capitals.

Numerous world leaders have denounced the tests in public, but M Chirac told Larry King that few had offered criticism in private. Some, including John Major and the German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, had voiced support. President Clinton had not raised the issue, he said.

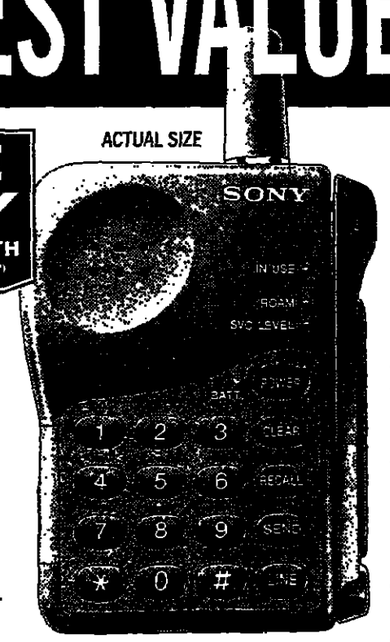
Chirac court ruling delay

Paris: The Paris prosecutor will postpone a decision on whether to prosecute President Chirac over a rented flat pending an administrative court ruling, sources said yesterday. The court is due to rule next month on a lawyer's request to sue M Chirac over the purchase of his flat by a firm partly owned by Paris when he was Mayor. *(Reuter)*

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How conwoman, 75, keeps one jump ahead of the law

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

HENRIETTE RAES has a taste for the good things in life, but a strong aversion to paying for them.

For more than 50 years this plump, white-haired Frenchwoman with horn-rimmed spectacles has dined at France's finest restaurants and stayed in the best hotels, without paying a centime.

The 75-year-old conwoman has been convicted no fewer than 32 times, usually in absentia, for non-payment of bills or passing off stolen cheques, French newspapers reported this week. The list of charges is now eight pages long and she is still on the run, albeit slowly.

Last week Mme Raes was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by a court in Brittany, but once again she was not there to hear the sentence passed. "There is no point in hoping ... she is not going to mend her ways at her age," the prosecutor remarked wearily.

In May 1992, Mme Raes ran up a bill of 80,000 francs (£10,000) in one week at the Hôtel de Bretagne in Douarnenez and then politely vanished. She was arrested in September, only to evade custody once again.

In France they are called *les hirondelles*, the swallows — little old ladies who alight at the most expensive establishments, run up massive bills and then take flight.

Mme Raes, known variously to police as "the white wolf" and "the devilish granny", began her bizarre and extravagant lifestyle at 20, shortly after the Second World War.

"She inspired confidence in the most suspicous of hoteliers," according to police, ordering the chef's choicest items, the best wine and the largest room.

"She wanted to travel, so she travelled. Usually by train, sometimes by taxi," *Le Figaro* reported. Sometimes she paid with stolen cheques; more usually she "forgot".

When not living in a grand hotel, Mme Raes was usually to be found in prison, but she seldom stayed there for long because of her advancing age and claims of ill-health. "Her illness was imaginary. She said that to get people on her side. She was only ill from eating too much," one warder said.

"As far as we were concerned she was above suspicion," the owner of the Hôtel de Bretagne recalled. "One morning, in front of me, she arranged a hairdressing appointment and asked me to get her a taxi. We never saw her again. The taxi drove her to the station and she paid for her ticket with a stolen cheque."

Mme Raes was last seen on January 2, when she bundled up her knitting and skipped out of a "secure" hospital near Paris. Her whereabouts are now unknown, although one rumour has it that she may have headed to Cornwall which has, of course, some remarkably fine hotels.

As *Le Parisien* reported, the queen of the swallows "left no forwarding address, for Henriette is still going strong, from town to town, from hotel to hotel".

Tapie says he lied under oath

Paris: Bernard Tapie, the bankrupt former boss of Marseilles football club and former Cabinet minister, launched his appeal yesterday against a prison sentence for rigging a football match by admitting that he had lied under oath (Ben Macintyre writes).

In March, M Tapie was sentenced to a year in prison and another year's suspended sentence after he was found guilty of bribing Valenciennes players to lose a league game against his club — allegedly because M Tapie did not want to tire out his team before the European Cup final, which Marseilles won six days later.

At his trial M Tapie repeatedly claimed that he had not met Boro Primorac, the trainer of the Valenciennes team, in June 1993. However, with typical bravura, M Tapie changed tack at an appeal hearing and admitted the meeting had taken place, but he still denied offering M Primorac cash and a new job in exchange for changing his testimony during the match-rigging trial.

Troops guard buses

Strasbourg: Troops rode as armed guards on buses and trams here yesterday after several nights of stone-throwing and petrol bomb attacks by youths.

About 60 soldiers from the First Infantry Regiment were used in sensitive areas, mainly inhabited by North African immigrants, after stones were thrown on Monday night at buses in the city. Officials said that several private cars were also set on fire and one road was blocked by barricades.

The General Police Union denounced the latest move. "Police may need reinforcements ... [but] we vigorously oppose the use of the army for tasks of public security without any link to terrorism," it said.

The transport soldiers are in addition to 40 troops sent to Strasbourg as part of a nationwide security crackdown after a wave of bombings in France that have been blamed on Algerian Muslim extremists. *(Reuter)*

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Activist Wu claims World Bank pays for Chinese 'gulag'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

HARRY WU, the Chinese-American human rights activist, has accused the World Bank of helping Peking to maintain its "gulag" of forced labour camps by extending loans to an irrigation project in a remote region.

The charge caused alarm at the World Bank's headquarters in Washington yesterday. A spokesman said that if Mr Wu's accusations established beyond doubt that forced labour was being used in a project funded by the World Bank, it would almost certainly ask for its money back from the Chinese Government.

If the controversy does go that far, Mr Wu will have pulled off a coup of profound implications for Peking. As it was, he timed his charges to cause maximum embarrassment by making them shortly before President Clinton was due to hold a conciliatory summit in New York with President Jiang Zemin of China.

Mr Wu, 58, an American citizen, is the former political prisoner whose relentless investigation of prison camps led to his arrest for spying and expulsion from China two months ago. He urged the World Bank to appoint an independent commission to investigate his charges and to adopt an official policy that bars the use of forced labour on all bank projects.

Under its programme of low-interest loans to developing countries, the World Bank has provided $90 million (£58 million) in credits for the Tarim Basin project to improve food and livestock production in Xinjiang province along China's western border with Kazakhstan. Political dissidents and others whose activities are not welcomed by Peking have long been banished to this inhospitable land, known as China's Siberia.



Wu: made his charge before Jiang's talks

Mr Wu said he visited the area last year and filmed labour camp workers planting cotton. He said there are at least seven *laogai*, or reform-through-labour prison camps, run by the Justice Ministry in the area and at least 14 smaller camps run by the People's Liberation Army. He put the prison population at between 25,000 and 60,000.

In addition, 150,000 of the area's 600,000 residents work for the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, a quasi-military organisation run largely by former prisoners and their descendants who remain permanently banished to internal exile, Mr Wu said.

He told a Washington news conference that although a World Bank report on Tarim Basin does not mention prison camps or military farms in the text, an accompanying map of the project does include a forced labour camp called Pailou Farm. "Maybe the Chinese were cheating the World Bank," he said, "or maybe the World Bank never knew it. Whatever, we have to tell about this."

Graham Barrett, the World Bank spokesman, said it had a policy of not dealing with forced labour projects or with military organisations in any country. "We absolutely oppose and abhor the use of forced labour and would not want any of our projects to be involved in any way."

He insisted that the bank had no knowledge of any link between forced labour and the Tarim Basin project, which was intended to alleviate poverty in areas with a predominantly minority population of Muslims. Mr Barrett said Mr Wu's claims were being investigated and added that Mr Wu had not responded to an invitation to visit the bank's headquarters and offer any proof.

Much could be at stake for China, which receives more money from the World Bank than any other country. Since the early 1980s, the bank and its International Development Association have provided credits to China for 159 projects amounting to $23 billion.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington said last night that Mr Wu's charges were "unworthy of comment".

China rescue starts after quake kills 29

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

RESCUE teams headed for China's southwestern Yunnan province yesterday after an earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale struck the mountainous area, followed by a string of tremors lasting 15 minutes.

So far, 29 people are reported to have been killed and 100 injured when the earthquake occurred at 6.47am local time. Its epicentre was in Wuding county, about 60 miles northwest of Kunming, the Yunnan provincial capital. Officials at the Hong Kong Observatory said, however, that it would have caused "a catastrophe" had it struck a city.

Torrential rain was falling at the time, adding to the terror and confusion, local officials said. Most of those who died were crushed as buildings collapsed. One official said that at least 200 homes were known to have been destroyed.

"The epicentre was in a mountainous area, not in town, so the damage was not as extensive as it might have been. Mostly we have had single-storey buildings collapse," the official added.

One person was also killed and three injured in the city of Panzhihua, in the neighbouring province of Sichuan, the New China News Agency reported. Television reports showed the rubble of a mud-brick school that collapsed in the earthquake. The television footage also showed pictures of young injured children and the body of one dead child in hospital.

More than half the houses were destroyed in some villages in Yunnan. A total of 30 rescue teams were being sent into the area, but some were having difficulty getting through because of landslides. Yunnan is so earthquake-prone that rescue workers are usually in a state of semi-alert in Kunming.

There were a series of 104 powerful aftershocks and the Peking Seismology Bureau issued a warning that some of those could register 5.0 on the Richter scale.

A broadcaster in Wuding county said that seismologists predicted further aftershocks, prompting many residents to stay outdoors. "Almost everyone is staying outside and only a few of us are staying in our offices," he said. Schools throughout the area were closed for the day.



Lift-off: disaster struck just 45 seconds later

Private rocket goes with a bang

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A PRIVATE, unmanned rocket carrying scientific experiments into space exploded 45 seconds after lift-off from a new Nasa launch site on the coast of Virginia. Debris fell into the Atlantic 12 miles offshore; no one was injured.

The five-storey Conestoga rocket was blown up by Nasa controllers when it began veering off course at 25,000 feet, officials said yesterday.

Nasa and EER Systems, the private firm that built the rocket, could not immediately determine what caused the 100-tonne Conestoga to change its angle of ascent. Coast Guard boats carried out searches for debris that might indicate what went wrong.

David Stietz, a Nasa spokesman who saw the explosion, said: "It was a beautiful lift-off. It looked great and then there was this major malfunction." He said three of the rocket's four strap-on booster engines came adrift from the rocket shortly before it was blown up. The Conestoga was the first commercially built rocket to be launched from the Nasa site and its failure was a setback for America's fledgeling commercial space industry's collaboration with Nasa. EER Systems has spent $100 million (£63 million) on developing the rocket, which was intended to put a small spacecraft called Meteor-1 into orbit for two years. It was to carry 14 experiments, including the growth of crystals in zero gravity and a study of how weightlessness affects plant life.



Strap-on boosters corkscrew out of control as the Conestoga rocket is blown up

Equine virus clue to farmer's death

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

TESTS yesterday confirmed that a horse that died on an Australian stud was infected by a new, deadly strain of equine virus, believed to have killed a Queensland man at the weekend.

The equine morbillivirus, which killed Vic Rail, a Brisbane race horse trainer last year, was also traced in the blood of the latest victim, Mark Preston, a farmer in Mackay. However, Mackay is several hundred miles from Rail's Hendra stables in Brisbane and the infected horse had never been there, adding to the mystery over the source of the virus.

Acute equine respiratory syndrome, as the virus is also known, sent shudders through the Australian racing industry last year, when 14 horses had to be put down. The implementation of quarantine prevented the virus spreading at the time, but the latest case has kindled fears of another outbreak.

What particularly concerns the racing and veterinary community is that more than a year after the virus occurred, no one knows where it came from or how it is transmitted, although doctors believe that contact with equine fluids plays an important role in its transmission to humans. Although scientists have determined the genetic make-up of the virus, they are still trying to establish the unusual set of circumstances required for it to jump from its host animal to a horse.

Health authorities have also been at pains to play down the risk to the community as a whole. Peter Beattie, Queensland's Minister for Health, emphasised that there were no recorded cases of human-to-human transmission of the disease.

Peter Reid, a Brisbane vet who worked at Rail's stables last year, said the latest developments were of concern because they had undermined existing theories about the virus. "The source of the virus still remains to be determined and that's the worrying thing."

The fatal condition is believed to be the first human disease caused by morbillivirus since measles was discovered in the 11th century.

The fact that it has reappeared just over a year after the medical and scientific community thought it had eradicated the condition will not dispel the fears of the Australian racing industry, which has its important meeting, the Melbourne Cup, in a fortnight. Racing officials in Victoria, 1,500 miles away, are monitoring the situation.

Last night the Mackay stud farm where Preston lived was under quarantine and a national search of stock that passed through it was under way. Blood samples were being taken from 80 horses on the farm.

US tackles forgery of $100 notes

Nicosia: US Secret Service agents will be based permanently in Cyprus from January to counter Islamic militants forging near-perfect $100 banknotes (Michael Theodoulou writes).

The "supernotes", worth about £63, are produced in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley by Shia Muslim fundamentalists supervised by Iranian intelligence and protected by Syria, according to American and Arab officials.

The establishment of a Secret Service office should help to determine whether the counterfeiters are inspired by greed or are using the money to fund Islamic terrorist groups. There has also been speculation that the fakes may be used to buy nuclear materials in the former Soviet Union.

Mauritania ousts Iraqi diplomat

The tiny northwest African state of Mauritania has declared the Iraqi ambassador persona non grata and ordered him to leave by tomorrow after allegations that secret groups linked to President Saddam Hussein's regime were planning a coup (Christopher Walker writes).

Western intelligence sources, surprised that the hard-pressed Iraqi dictatorship had spread its tentacles so wide, noted that the mainly Muslim country has a history of links with Iraq and backed it during the Gulf War. It has since renewed ties with Kuwait.

Smugglers admit Algeria arms plot

Rabat: Sixteen arms smugglers captured in Morocco last week have admitted supplying weapons to Algeria's banned Islamic Salvation Front, according to a lawyer representing them (Mark Huband writes). They will appear before a military tribunal on Monday.

Algeria's armed Islamic opposition has vowed to step up its campaign against President Zeroual's Government before the November 16 presidential election.

Hunter survives grizzly ambush

Los Angeles: A Canadian was in hospital with 19 deep wounds after being ambushed by a 300lb grizzly bear (Giles Whittell writes). Bob Nicols, 49, survived by stabbing it in the eye and jugular vein. He was hunting moose 500 miles north of his Vancouver home when he strayed between the female and four cubs.

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Revised history angers whites

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

A NEW government publication that describes South Africa's early white settlers as slave traders, cattle thieves, land grabbers, warmongers and suppressors of black people was condemned yesterday by the former ruling National Party, which is led by F. W. de Klerk, the Second Deputy President.

The revisionist account of South Africa's early days is in the 1995 edition of the *Official Government Yearbook*, a reference work intended for use by libraries, schools and businesses. The history section, written by Professor Rodney Davenport, a white South African who is emeritus professor of history at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, also says that black people were already settled in present-day South Africa when Boer farmers came across them "in land they thought was empty".

His summary challenges the history taught to generations of white children during the apartheid era. Piet Marais, the National Party's education spokesman, said: "It is wrong and it is biased and we cannot go along with it. We agree that in the past there was too much emphasis on what whites did, but to say this is ridiculous."

The interpretation of history has always been a sensitive issue in South Africa, where successive white minority regimes and their opponents offered differing accounts to justify their claims to power and their actions.



Menem: covets role as world statesman

Argentine joy over Menem trip

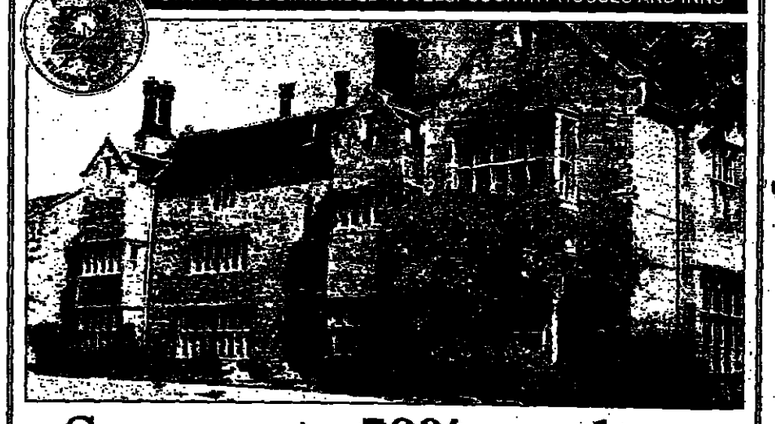
BY GABRIELLA GAMINI SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

THE news that President Menem of Argentina might soon visit Britain was greeted enthusiastically at the government house in Buenos Aires. "The President's dream has finally come true," said one government official.

Señor Menem has been asking for an invitation to Britain, since he renewed diplomatic relations with Britain in 1990. No invitation has been given since the Falklands conflict 13 years ago.

Newspaper headlines in Buenos Aires hailed the potential visit as a political and diplomatic victory. "After agreement over joint fishing and oil exploration in the South Atlantic, this is the icing on the cake," said the daily *Clarín*. Señor Menem is keen to project himself as a leading statesman. He has sent peacekeeping troops to former Yugoslavia, signed a nuclear proliferation treaty and taken a mediating role in South American border conflicts.

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New UN watchdog demands end to waste and fraud

FROM JAMES BONE AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN NEW YORK

A DAY after John Major called for sweeping reforms of the United Nations, the organisation's new inspector-general yesterday issued an unprecedented report cataloguing widespread waste and fraud.

Karl Paschke, a German official appointed last year to a new post of under-secretary-general for internal oversight services, pointed up financial abuses, inefficiency and even crime.

"I believe that some of the deficiencies and weaknesses which an increasingly critical public nowadays seems to detect in the UN have something to do with the traditionally weak oversight function," he said.

"The bureaucracy has grown without pruning for many years; procedures and structures have become too rigid, frustrating creativity and individual initiative; overlapping and duplication of responsibilities have not been adequately addressed, let alone eliminated."

In his speech to the General Assembly on Monday, Mr Major called the organisation "the world's highest paper mountain" and warned that it must adapt to survive.

Mr Paschke's office, set up at the urging of the US to ensure greater oversight of the bureaucracy, concentrated its investigations on peacekeeping, humanitarian operations and procurement.

The inspector-general complained of a long series of abuses in peacekeeping missions, such as the "unauthorised use of aircraft for non-official purposes", "excessive compensatory time off" and "overpayment of mission subsistence allowance".

In Bosnia, UN peacekeepers bought snow scooters they never used, uniforms for civilian personnel that were not needed and 1,400 too many generators, many of which were left in their crates.

In Somalia, UN "blue helmets" paid $369,000 (£235,000) to a contractor for services not rendered and overpaid for drinking water to the tune of $1 million. A review of invoices for road transportation found $40,000 worth of fraudulent bills.

Mr Paschke uncovered one case where the contractor for an irrigation project put $110,000 in UN funds in the private bank account of an official of the UN Relief and Works Agency in Palestine — who has since been dismissed.

In one case, UN investigators actually secured a conviction in the New York courts of a travel assistant in the UN special commission set up to disarm Iraq who misappropriated $28,000.

The inspector-general also found one case where a UN employee had been improperly re-hired.

He said the UN personnel system was "cumbersome", rules were "too complicated", and there was a "widespread tendency of staff, even in key positions, to shun responsibility and accountability".

He did tell one success story, however. When he took up his job, he learnt that the UN routinely telexed all Security Council decisions to all UN members around the world, at a cost of $100,000 a year. He instructed officials to send them to the government's New York representatives instead.

Mr Paschke's report gives fuel to those who want to see a thorough reform of the United Nations on its 50th birthday.

Last night, President Clinton began his summit with China's President Jiang facing criticism for capitulating to Chinese demands for a change of venue.

The meeting was to have been held in the walnut-panelled Trustee Room of the New York Public Library, but during a reception for UN dignitaries on Sunday night, a Chinese official spotted a pro-democracy handbill from the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations, in an exhibition called "What Price Freedom?"

The Chinese demanded a change of venue. The White House conceded. Mr Clinton and Mr Jiang were instead meeting in a penthouse at the Lincoln Centre for the Performing Arts, though just ten days ago the Centre had screened a documentary about the Tiananmen Square massacre called "The Gate of Heavenly Peace".



Lady Thatcher at her Washington birthday party with Sir Denis, Mila Mulroney, left, and Nancy Reagan

Thatcher stars at US celebrity party

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

NEWT Gingrich was late and Phil Gramm stayed for less than an hour but, for the briefest of moments, a nostalgic glow settled on Union Station and the special relationship returned. Baroness Thatcher, forceful as ever in a shimmering black suit, sat among her guests while Ronald Reagan, flashing that famous smile, toasted the birthday girl from his California home.

Diners in the main hall of the Washington railway terminus erupted in applause as Nancy Reagan, pointing to the two large video screens showing pictures of her husband who is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, said that the former President would like to join her in sending his best wishes.

For the more than 600 people who had paid $1,000 (£636) a plate to celebrate Lady Thatcher's 70 years, the party was an opportunity to relive the years when Britain and the United States had stood as one against the terrors of Moscow.

The guests included Charlton Heston, who had flown in from Los Angeles and Joan Rivers, the comedienne, who gave the former Prime Minister a wok, and television stars Barbara Walters and Diane Sawyer. Susan Lucci, the ubiquitous American soap star, leant a youthful air of glamour to an otherwise elderly atmosphere of faded glory. Captain Scott O'Grady, the fighter pilot rescued from Bosnia earlier this year, made a solemn presentation of the American flag.

Even the handful of American Irish protesters, who held up plaques to Bobby Sands, the hunger-striker, and others while chanting "Maggie Go Home", brought memories of a time when thousands might have joined them.

Germany to deploy troops in Balkans

BY MICHAEL KALLENBACH IN BONN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GERMANY yesterday moved a step closer to ending its postwar military isolation when the Cabinet approved sending 4,000 Bundeswehr soldiers to help to bolster a Bosnian peace settlement.

The move is likely to be welcomed by Germany's Nato partners as a clear signal that Bonn is willing to shoulder its responsibilities within the organisation. It could, however, upset many Germans who are anxious not to be reminded of the country's Nazi past. During the Second World War, Germany openly supported the Croatian Fascists.

Opposition members in the Bundestag are unlikely to create too many difficulties when the Cabinet's decision comes up for approval. Last summer the Bundestag approved the stationing of Luftwaffe Tornado fighter-bombers in Piacenza, northern Italy. This was Germany's first military foray outside a Nato area since the war.

The new deployment marks Germany's biggest effort in trying to settle the Bosnian conflict. While troops will be able to operate in Bosnia, most will be based in Croatia. But their mandate will be limited because it forbids them to become involved in any military confrontation.

President Clinton yesterday criticised American politicians seeking to bar President Milosevic, the Serbian leader, from the peace talks in Ohio. Meeting the presidents of Croatia and Bosnia, Mr Clinton said: "I don't think anyone in the United States should do anything to undermine the prospect of bringing this horrible war to a close."

Riddle of who's who in historic family album

UNITED NATIONS officials were yesterday still peering at the group photograph of world leaders taken on Sunday. Although equipped with a directory of world statesmen, they admitted that they simply did not recognise some faces.

Ahmad Fawzi, a UN spokesman, said that the "cursed photographer" had moved some of his subjects from their prearranged positions. The 190-strong group included heads of state, heads of government and foreign ministers. Only two-thirds have been identified, said another UN official, François Giuliani, shrugging: "Eees impossible. Nobody from Britain bothered to show up for the pose heralded by the UN as historic. It certainly will be by the time they sort out the caption, and by then some of the leaders will probably have lost office.

ONE mould-breaking encounter was the appearance of a Russian leader's wife at a Manhattan cosmetics counter. Until the 1980s, Politburo spouses tended to be muscular, whiskery babushkas with a trenchant disregard for material beautification. But there was Boris Yeltsin's wife, Naina, at Estée Lauder. A cosmetologist swooped.

"Hello, how are you today?" she asked. Mrs Yeltsin grunted. "Any concerns about your skin?," continued the sales assistant. Mrs Yeltsin replied that her skin was normal, thank you. Then the Lauder woman posed a question which in former decades might have ensured her a spell in Siberia. "How often," she asked the chatelaine of the Kremlin, "do you have oily blemishes?"

THERE was a similar scene with MTV News, which secured an interview with Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman. The location director took one look at Mr Arafat, put hands on hips, and called urgently for "make up, please!" MTV's stylist for the day was Steven Dillon, who usually works with super-models. He later described the Arafat pelt. "The skin is pretty rough, from all that desert sun, I suppose," he said.

Dillon had met his match, however. As he said: "I wanted to do something with his hair, but he insisted on keeping on that turban."

"MINE'S bigger than yours" claims were made by John Major and Jacques Chirac, who both boasted that their country supplies the largest number of troops to the UN. The truth: Britain is No 1, though France has been in the recent past.

IN his speech, President Museveni of Uganda referred to African civil wars, claiming that these things were done less bloodily before the white man arrived. In the old-fashioned tribal wars, he said, women were never killed — they were simply whisked off and forced to marry the victors. Cue for a certain shifting of feet from the numerous feminists in the hall.

QUENTIN LETTS



Jiang Zemin: demand for change of venue

Russia unveils 'secret cities' in switch from swords to sofas

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S top secret military installations yesterday attempted to prove that after decades of producing the biggest nuclear arsenal on the planet, they are finally ready to beat their swords into ploughshares.

In an extraordinary trade exhibition in Moscow, the so-called "secret cities", responsible for testing, building and assembling the Soviet Union's deadly atomic warheads, put on display civilian products that they hope will one day be their economic salvation.

"I am sure that Stalin would turn in his grave, if he could see his secret cities on display in public like this," said one exhibitor from Arzamas-16, the first of the ten secret cities built by the dictator at the start of the nuclear arms race. "Although conversion to civilian products is proving difficult, we have no choice if we want to survive."

A promotional video, showing clean streets and points of historical interest in the old town centre, failed to explain that the city of nearly 100,000 people still does not appear on most Russian maps and that distributing any information about Arzamas-16 would until a few years ago have been a treasonable offence.

Nevertheless, like other secret cities across Russia, the town, 300 miles east of Moscow, has been forced to diversify because of government spending cuts to the arms industry and the collapse in the standard of living for the country's once-pampered scientific elite.

Although the city is still guarded by soldiers and ringed by barbed wire fencing and watch-towers, Arzamas-16 is now more interested in finding investors for its less deadly new products, including sofa-beds, car trailers and kidney dialysis machines.

The competition among the secret cities is stiff. Not to be outdone, a stand near by representing the Siberian town of Zlatust-36, better known for its work in assembling and dismantling nuclear warheads, boasted an imaginative selection of products from cast-iron figurines to what looked like Russia's first locally-made jet-ski.

Yevgeni Dryakhlov, the administrative head of Sverdlovsk-45, another top secret nuclear installation in the Urals, said that the trade fair proved that the 700,000 people living in the ten top secret establishments could turn their hands to other work. "We should have had this exhibition a long time ago," he said. "We have an extraordinary pool of talented scientists. We should be able to compete with the best in the world."

The process is proving harder than expected, not least because potential investors from abroad are still barred from visiting the cities. At yesterday's show the number of genuine foreign businessmen appeared to be outweighed by journalists, and equally curious Western military attachés.

Nevertheless, the authorities have a vested interest in promoting civilian conversion projects. Some of the secret cities have over the past year been penetrated by the powerful Russian mafia. Much of the stolen nuclear material being sold on the black market came from these high-security facilities.

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The fashion designer Betty Jackson called her new collection for spring/summer 1996 "Cool Simplicity", which was pretty much the common message from London Fashion Week over the weekend. Although the headlines screamed of bare bottoms, bloody bread knives and bad behaviour on the catwalks, underneath all that dreadful attention-seeking there were some really great clothes. More of them later.

This season London Fashion Week came perilously close to self-destructing as, one by one, the young new school of newsworthy designers tried hard to come to grips with their position in the spotlight.

The problem was just that. They tried *too* hard. What else could explain Hussein Chalayan's sad-looking collection shown in a cold, comfortless warehouse well off the beaten track, or Sonnentag Mulligan's homage to David Bowie, Andy Warhol and those funky Factory funsters? Both shows were hot tickets, and both turned out to be as exciting as a cold shower. Their pretentious ramblings (where was something to wear?) threatened to dampen the spirit. As designers they take themselves oh-so-seriously.

Alexander McQueen certainly generates excitement, and is indeed an extremely clever designer, yet his ideas appear too wrapped up in his angry young man pose. It is hard to imagine anyone quite so angry as McQueen, who showed his bare bottom to his audience as he took his bows. In among the scary-monster models flashing bare bosoms and V-signs at the photographers are some genuinely unique cutting skills and fresh perspectives. If only it didn't hurt so much to watch.

Nothing could be more comforting than the clothes created by the vast majority of the designers, although sadly they are not the sort destined to grab headlines.

The understatement seen in Milan continued to make sense on the London catwalks. The dress is a key piece for next summer, invariably white, cut in everything from cotton piqué, nylon, shantung silk, starched cotton, linen, satin or silk taffeta. The look is crisp and modern.

Black and white proved extremely popular, but there was also, predictably, a riveting splash of colour: orange, yellow, pink and lime green. A new name, Antonio Barardi, favoured bright red for a series of wickedly sexy dresses. Although risqué, they revealed more than just bare flesh. Definitely a name to watch.

Nicholas Knightly continues to develop his sophisticated, pared-down look, adding a floral print, a flounced skirt, and a trapeze-line silhouette to his trademark jersey separates and dresses cut like shirts. Knightly's work shows a maturity beyond his years.

A young design team who offered a grown-up mood were Clements Ribeiro. Shown at the Brazilian Embassy, the designers' collection was a neat mix of shirtwaister dresses in plain or bold floral print, slim sweaters and A-line skirts, suede shirts and satin-edged evening dresses. Unusual fabrics, such as a day suit cut in moiré, added gloss.

Paul Frith gave easy-looking separates a glamorous edge by using shiny satin and nylon in white, oyster, biscuit and custard cream. Best were knitted, sleeveless slipovers worn with bell-shaped or pencil-thin skirts, and an ivory suit which mixed a boxy jacket with a pair of pedal pushers. Deceptively straightforward.

Eveningwear seems to be back in vogue, but not the frills and furbelows of yesteryear. Ally Capellino, Ben de Lisi and Roland Klein all offered uncluttered 1990s versions of the evening gown — each suiting the prevailing trend for plain and simple party dresses. The latest addition to the after dark wardrobe is a little zip-up windcheater jacket cut in satin, shot taffeta or organza.

Nicole Farhi and Margaret Howell showed collections which harked back to the late 1950s/early 1960s. Both favoured florals and checks, Prom Queen skirts, leather and striped knits.

Apart from a hint of lime and lilac, Betty Jackson's collection was predominantly monochrome. Elementary shapes were transformed in a mix of man-made fibres and luxurious couture-style fabrics. Essentially uncomplicated and under-styled, the pieces work together to provide numerous possibilities, matt and shiny, day or night.

Another design duo, Pearce Fionda, proved that the young can grow up in public without nightmarish tantrums or gloomy sulks. Where previously their designs were tricky and a touch over-embellished, this season the pair produced a clean silhouette which combined the tailored and fluid. Neat shirts worn with billowing ultra-long trousers or trailing skirts; smartly fitted jackets with cigarette-thin trousers; wrap dresses and diaphanous shirts. Tiny, twisted puffed sleeves, mimicked at the hem of a jacket, were the only hint of decoration.

Even if London Fashion Week did look a little frayed at the edges, at its heart were commercially solid collections. Something to buy and, most definitely, something to wear.

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Eveningwear becomes more casual: **ALLY CAPELLINO** (top right), **BEN DE LISI** (above right). The antithesis of fancy dress: **MARGARET HOWELL** (above left)

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Israel's peacenik who invented starry nights

Julia Llewellyn Smith meets writer Amos Oz, a voice for peace and re-inventor of the Hebrew language

Amos Oz is Israeli and therefore, like any writer from a troubled part of the world, he is a "political" novelist. Readers buy his books as a substitute for a beginner's guide to the Middle East. Just as teenagers used to scan the lyrics of the Beatles' *White Album* in search of a revelation, Israelis and non-Israelis pick Oz's prose to pieces, hoping for a better understanding of his complicated country.

In that they will be disappointed. Oz's novels are the stories of Israelis who are more concerned with their failing marriages, their wayward children and their sexual fantasies than with events on the West Bank. Not that this puts the interpreters off. "What can I do?" sighs Oz. "If I wrote a story about a father, mother, child and pocket money, readers outside and inside Israel would say the father stood for tradition, the mother for religion, the child for the new Israel and the pocket money for the shaky economy."

Israel is, after all, a country whose language has no word for fiction ("My books are found in stores under 'narrative prose' ") and where all novels are scrutinised with the eagerness food parents reserve for baby pictures. Any novel is a reflection of a young, still insecure society, and for many immigrants the mark of integration is being able to read a book in Hebrew. "I make a living by helping Israelis to imagine their own country," he says.

Oz's first book *My Michael*, published in this country in 1972, won comparisons abroad with *Madame Bovary* for its depiction of a young married woman retreating into a fantasy world. At home, however, it was upbraided in newspaper editorials for its dream sequences, in which the heroine is ravished by Arab brothers. No nice Jewish girl, journalists declared, could possibly entertain such treacherous notions.

Yet Oz is no more immune to politics than his countrymen. For more than 30 years he has been Israel's peacenik, writing essays and articles, criticising the Government for its fanaticism and belligerence and exhorting his countrymen, if not to love their enemies, then to learn to compromise with them. As a result he has been accorded a kind of prophet status, as the acceptable voice of dissent. Yitzhak Shamir rings him at midnight for advice and journalists beat a path to his door.

Aged 56, Oz is a short but strikingly handsome man, whose chainsmoking of Marlboro Lights has bequeathed him a husky voice. His English, honed during a sabbatical at Oxford, is immaculate, although he has a tendency to speak in irritatingly pat soundbites. It reminds you of the remark about Dr Johnson: he doesn't just talk like a book, he talks like the second, revised edition.

"This won't be a cheerful reconciliation, a hug of long-lost brothers like in a Dostoevsky novel," he says of the peace process. "The reconciliation had to be Chekhovian with everybody a little disappointed, in order for it not to be Shakespearean with bodies littering the stage."



DES JENSON

Amos Oz "Hebrew has no word for fiction"

> His books deal with sexual fantasies, not the West Bank

Chekhovian is certainly the mood of Oz's eleventh novel, *Don't Call It Night*, which he is in London to promote. It is the melancholy and inconclusive story of Thea and Noa, a childless, middle-aged couple, who sense themselves drifting apart when Noa becomes obsessed with the recent drugs-related death of one of her pupils. "It's about a man and a woman who love each other but who are trying to be everything to each other and it's a bit much, because the man is moving into a more reflective and passive mood, the woman is almost mercurial."

The novel's theme is compromise, which has been Oz's guiding principle in life and literature. He tells his stories in a cacophony of voices, taking on personas as diverse as a Jew-hating medieval Crusader, a teenaged girl or a retired Mossad agent. Each character is given equal hearing. "It's like playing tennis with myself." Yet while Oz is understanding of the Palestinian problem, he despises Yassir Arafat; while he vehemently criticised his country's invasion of Lebanon, he fought in the Six-Day War of 1967 and the Yom Kippur War of 1973, which he considered "just".

The son of Polish immigrants, Oz was an only child who grew up in a working-class suburb of Jerusalem. Although his family was not religious, he attended a strict Orthodox school. "I was exposed to strong religion almost in a Joycean way. That is where I learnt a great deal about Jewish culture and civilisation, but early on I developed a dislike of all forms of fanaticism."

When Oz was 12, his mother committed suicide. "She was not happy with her life," he says, and for the first time his glibness falters. "She came from Eastern Europe into a world that was in many ways very alien to her. I guess she just couldn't find any cause to live." Did she not consider having a son a reason to live? "Naturally I was very angry with her at the time," says Oz. "It was a betrayal of me. I had very serious doubts whether I was any good at all." This, perhaps more than anything, explains Oz's loathing of heroics. "It was a very formative experience; I have developed a very strong resentment, even hatred for death. I don't find the idea sweet, comforting or relaxing. Privately and politically I'm on the side of life."

His father was a right-wing intellectual who horrified his son by remarrying three years later. "I blamed him very angrily at the time but now I think he did the right thing." In disgust, his son ran away to join a kibbutz and changed his name from Klausner to Oz, which means "strength". "I wanted to become everything that my father was not: a socialist, a farmer and a tractor driver." *My Michael* was published when Oz was 29, catapulting the author to instant fame, yet for years he continued to wait on tables and take his turn as nightwatchman. He was given a studio and four days a week in which to write, and each royalty cheque was handed to the kibbutz treasurer. Oz married on the kibbutz and raised three children there. Nine years ago the family left for Arad after his son (now 17), an asthma sufferer, was prescribed the dry desert air.

Hebrew is still a developing language and Oz is in the privileged position of being able to mould it to his needs. "It's like a mummy coming back to life. I have invented a few words, out of necessity, not arrogance. Thanks to me, we can say a starry night in Hebrew. Before you could only say 'a night full of stars'. Taxi drivers use these words when they speak with me. They don't know that I am the proud parent."

How Colin Firth's Mr Darcy has become the nation's heart-throb

Pride and passions

Sunday night sees the final episode of the BBC's adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* and the moment that nine million viewers have been waiting for: the kiss that seals the nuptials of Mr Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet.

Those who observed the kiss on set say that lips were bruised after numerous takes. "There was incredible sexual tension between them and I think that shows on screen," said one insider.

For it has emerged that Colin Firth, who plays Darcy, and Jennifer Ehle, who plays Lizzie, fell for each other in real life. Love's sweet song wove its spell in the Wiltshire countryside. Those lingering looks were for true. Passion really did surge beneath frock-coat and empire line.

Their love affair gives their acting an added resonance and them an added radiance. It has ensured that the gossip columns have been full of talk. And it has helped to confirm Firth as the nation's heart-throb.

Of course, it helps that he plays one of the most romantic fictional characters of all time. Firth himself had never read Jane Austen's work before Andrew Davies's script landed on his desk. "Nineteenth-century literature didn't seem very sexy to me," he says. "I had this prejudice that it would probably be girls' stuff. I had never realised that Darcy was such a famous figure in literature."

But then, he continues, he would mention the script, and "everyone would tell me how they were devoted to this book, how at school they had been in love with Darcy, and my brother said, 'Darcy, isn't he supposed to be sexy?' "

There's no denying Firth's own appeal. Aged 34, he stands six foot one in his stockinged feet, with tousled brown hair and deep-set eyes.

Still the role failed to appeal. "I looked in the mirror and I didn't see Darcy," he says. And he doubted that he was up to the part. "I started to think 'Oh God, Olivier was fantastic and no one else could ever play the part'."

He struggled with a character who remains an enigma until the end of the book. "I reasoned: 'To make myself different enough to play Darcy, I will have to do an awful lot.' But doing anything is the last thing that is right for playing Darcy. The only way for it to work is to be Darcy already."

The conviction of producer Sue Birtwistle changed his mind. "I realised that I had begun to appropriate the character and I now owned it. The thought of anyone else doing it made me feel rather jealous," he says.

His Darcy is all his own. He is neither too idiosyncratic nor too bland. Colin Firth has achieved his aim.

But he found the part exhausting. "In the first assembly-room scene, I had to go in and be hurt, angry, intimidated, annoyed, irritated, amused, horrified, appalled and keep all these reactions within this very narrow framework of being inscrutable because nobody ever knows quite what Darcy's thinking.

"I've played some far more physically energetic parts, but I don't think I've ever been as physically exhausted at the end of a take as I have with Darcy."

Firth's past roles have chiefly cast him as a member of the upper classes. He acted in both the play and film of *Another Country*, Julian Mitchell's exploration of public school life. Then he portrayed officer Robert Lawrence in the BBC film *Tumbledown*, about the Falklands War, and John McCarthy in the ITV dramatisation *Hostages*.

But although he gives every appearance of being public school, an officer and a gentleman, in fact Firth went to a comprehensive in Winchester and failed his 11-plus.

"I had a dreadful education for the most part. Throughout my school days I talked with a broad Hampshire accent. Then I went to drama school and suddenly became a sort of English public school boy."

The Firth household in Grayshoot in Hampshire was an academic one. His father lectures in history, his mother teaches English and comparative religions.

The oldest of three, young Colin left school to work as stage doorkeeper at the Shaw Theatre and, he quips, as a "workroom assistant, trainee, second class" at the National Theatre, which meant making tea for everyone. But drama school and television success soon followed.

His personal life has been less happy. He has a four-year-old son, Will, from a five-year liaison with the actress Meg Tilly. That, too, was a screen romance. Chemistry spilt over on the set of *Valmont*, a British version of the play *Dangerous Liaisons*. He is devoted to his son and mixed filming with fatherhood recently when Will stayed with him on the set of *Pride and Prejudice* for three months. He commutes between his flat in Hackney, east London, and Canada and Hollywood, where Will lives with his mother.

He has now parted with Jennifer Ehle, their romance curtailed in part by his recent trips to South America to film the BBC's epic production of Joseph Conrad's *Nostromo*. He and fellow stars Albert Finney and Claudia Cardinale have also recently been filming in Italy.

Firth has said he is in no hurry to marry. He has fame and calls from Hollywood to busy him. But millions of female viewers know that it is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.



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A waste of coppers' time?

Detection is only part of police work, says P.A.J.Waddington

The leaked report of the Audit Commission into police patrolling merely confirms what academic researchers have been saying for years and what most police officers recognise — beat patrol is aimless, boring and has little impact on crime. However, the Audit Commission's belief that this arises from poor management is superficial, as are the remedies they suggest.

Patrolling accounts for something like two-thirds or *three-quarters of police budgets*, and still the public also demand "bobbies on the beat". Yet, neither the police nor the public seem to know what this vast expenditure of police resources is supposed to achieve.

For the police officers who do it, patrolling amounts to hours of aimless wandering the streets, hoping that something will happen. They rarely meet members of the public, and prefer to patrol in pairs so they have someone to talk to. It is highly unlikely that they will make an arrest and even more unlikely that they will detect a serious crime.

Officers are assigned to beat patrol when they join the police, but soon look for more desirable, specialised postings. Punishment for specialists is to be returned to beat patrol. The whole police bureaucracy routinely confirms that beat patrolling is of low status — *the preserve of the* inexperienced, *ill-trained and least* mature.

> Policing is an all-round 24-hour emergency service

Even worse, *the Audit Commission* is correct in also *pointing out how small a* proportion of the patrol force *is actually deployed on patrol* duties — because so many are *engaged in other duties*, or training, or waiting interminably to appear in court. The public would be outraged if they knew how few officers are available to patrol their streets.

Most police work is in *reaction* to some request from a member of the public for assistance. This reactive work is highly unpredictable and disturbs all attempts to focus on issues decided in advance. So the challenge for police policymakers is how to respond effectively to this myriad of unpredictable demands.

If patrol work is measured in terms of crime-fighting effectiveness, it will always be considered a waste of money, because criminals rarely commit crimes under the gaze of patrolling officers. There will never be sufficient police to keep all public places under constant surveillance.

Nor is crime-fighting all that the public call upon the police to do. In three years' research, I found that only a quarter of calls to the police were reports of clear-cut crimes. The remainder covered an enormous range, from complaints of noise and general rowdiness to requests for help from people in distress. For example, an elderly lady called the police from hundreds of miles away to say that her son had just phoned from a telephone box in the area to tell her that her grandchild had died suddenly. She was so distressed that she had replaced the receiver and was now unable to contact her son. The police went to her son's address, explained what had happened and mother and son were again united in their shared grief. I doubt if anyone would consider *this humane* act a waste of resources.

*It is the availability of a 24-*hour generic emergency service *that makes such interventions* possible. Moreover, such *a task does not require train*ing or experience. Reserving *the best trained* and most experienced officers for specialist duties, such as criminal investigation or armed response, where mistakes are more serious, makes sense.

What is worrying is that the police value their wider role so little. Individual officers are likely to dismiss the routine tasks of resolving quarrels, moving on rowdy youths and helping members of the public in various ways as "rubbish", and the police administration colludes in this denigration by its emphasis on crime figures. A spurious reduction in crime is announced with a great fanfare, but rarely is attention drawn to the many other valuable tasks performed by the police. Officers who make many arrests are frequently described by their superiors as "active", *while colleagues* who provide just as *valuable a service in* other ways are *ignored*.

If the police *valued patrol work*, they would pay as *much attention to this non*-crime work as they do to *crime. Here the Audit Com*mission has a point: officers *are rarely debriefed. Much* police work involves sweeping social *problems under the* carpet. If officers defuse a *potentially nasty quarrel* between neighbours, no one will want to know. Only if the row gets out of hand and an arrest is made is there likely to be any recognition.

Any officer will confirm that an inordinate amount of police work is devoted to the same people and places, time after time. Police find themselves returning to the same families to sort out their domestic squabbles, retrieve missing children, arrest wayward family members and so forth. They also find that poor parking facilities in a particular area, the presence of a place of entertainment, or some other problem produces repeated complaints from those affected. Yet these persistent problems are unlikely to receive a co-ordinated response. Each individual complaint or call for assistance is dealt with separately. If co-*ordinated action is taken*, however, possibly involving other *agencies, repeat calls can be* significantly reduced.

The Audit Commission has acquired an influence on *police policy that vastly ex*ceeds its expertise. It is right to *draw attention to the problems* of police patrol, but superficial *remedies are likely to make* matters worse.

Professor Waddington is the author of Calling the Police *(Avebury, £35).*



School for control freaks

The very last thing that education needs is Downing Street bossiness

Simon Jenkins

John Major wants to take over every school in England and Wales. He has said so twice recently, *and the proposal was* confirmed in Monday's *Times*. He must be mad.

Mr Major already runs every *prison in the land, every hospital*, every motorway, every railway, every *Job-centre, every training council*. He is set on running every police force, *every university, every county, every* town, and on this week's form al*most every charity. The strain is* beginning to show — not least on *hapless ministers who must answer* for anything remiss in their master's *burgeoning empire*.

Centralising control over Britain's *24,000 local schools would be the* most sweeping act of nationalisation since Attlee set up the National Health Service. The takeover would be "hostile" and resisted: the schools were built by and belong to local councils and charities. It would lack any democratic mandate, enforced only because voluntary "opting out" has failed. Parents and governors have indicated in countless ballots that they do not want to transfer from council ownership to the Government's new Funding Agency for Schools. So they are to be forced to do so. Such compulsion would be the act of a limp Prime Minister in thrall to the so-called "control freaks" now running riot in Downing Street and the Treasury.

But let us calm down and return to the start of this extraordinary tale. The progenitor of school nationalisation was Nigel Lawson. In 1985 he proposed removing education from local control as part of his alternative to the poll tax. Margaret Thatcher balked at nationalising schools. In her 1988 Education Act, she merely allowed them the right to leave council control voluntarily. Since she also forced councils to free school budgets from irksome bureaucracy, opting out never took wing.

Ministers were furious. At the Education Department, first Kenneth Baker, then Kenneth Clarke, *then* John Patten came to regard opting out as a sign of Thatcherite virility. Money was offered to schools to opt out. Shortly before her ousting, *Margaret Thatcher asked her policy* unit how to "unbundle" education *from local authorities and leave them* with a purely "advisory role". Mr *Major took up the cry. Another* Education Act in 1993 made opting *out easier. A junior minister*, Eric Forth, said he was "ending the long-*standing local authority monopoly of* state education".

In the 1993 Act, the Government abandoned any idea of these being *self-governing institutions*, as Margaret Thatcher wanted. Mr Major's Cabinet *insisted on control*, bringing them under an arm of the Education *Department* called *the* Funding Agency for Schools. It was headed by a "chief executive", Mike Collier, on £94,000 a year. This was to be no *soft-touch regulator* but a full nationalised industry. Opted-out school governors could be appointed and sacked by the Secretary of State, who would also determine the schools' size and character — a euphemism for admissions policy. They could be opened, closed and sold at the Government's will.

Margaret Thatcher had promised that any opted-out school could expand to take any pupil whose parents wished to apply. The logical consequence of this was popular schools having to take all-comers and combining into vast "comprehensive" campuses. This appealed neither to the schools nor to the Treasury. Schools wish to protect their size and league-table ranking. Most have preferred academic selection to expansion. At Birmingham, Mr Major openly encouraged such a return to 11-plus selection, his speechwriter apparently unaware that this is the antithesis of parental choice. As for the Treasury, it refused to permit opted-out schools to expand if that meant classrooms standing empty in neighbouring schools.

Today, and despite every ministerial inducement, only 1,000 out of 4,000 secondary schools in England and Wales have welcomed Whitehall's proffered embrace, and virtually none of the 20,000 primary schools. *Most are either old grammar schools* or small schools threatened with *closure by Whitehall's* pressure on councils to reduce overcapacity — one *Whitehall policy conflicting with* another. The scheme has all but dried up. It was driven not by any belief in institutional independence — the 1993 *Act put paid to that — but by a* visceral hatred of local government *on the part of Margaret Thatcher* and John Major. Hatred rarely makes *sound policy*.

A sensible Cabinet would leave well alone. Enough chaos has been visited on Britain's schools since the 1993 Act. Mr Major can already control teachers' pay, school buildings, school budgets and the curriculum. Gillian Shephard can determine the "pattern of schooling" in any area, build new schools and ban a local council from opening a school in competition with her own. Mr Major has all the control over schools any minister could hope to handle. Yet he wants more. He has joined the freaks.

In his Birmingham speech, Mr Major appeared to seek statutory powers to dissolve local education committees, seize school premises and hand their finance and development over to his agency. This irrespective of the wishes of local voters, teachers, parents or governors. This is a true statist Reformation, a Dissolution of the Authorities. I am baffled as to why. I hear no great cry of "nationalise the schools". The cause is on no pollster's scanner.

Accountability in such a system will be near impossible. As Michael Howard had to answer for a Parkhurst menu and Virginia Bottomley for an Edgware ward closure, so ministers will have to justify each classroom extension, each 11-plus failure, each examination performance, all at the Commons dispatch box. The Funding Agency's Mr Collier is already being groomed as the Derek Lewis of this fiasco. It is lunacy.

I am told that the murky reasoning behind all this is that the Treasury understandably cannot face financing two potentially competitive school systems: Mr Major's selective grant-maintained schools, and local comprehensives struggling to keep up. *Rivalry would leave hundreds of* classrooms empty each year. One *solution might be to sit tight and treat* the opted-out sector as "national *grammars", taking roughly a quarter* of pupils, and use the 1988 Act to *reduce council schools to secondary* moderns. This reversion to pre-1960s *educational apartheid appears to* have stuck in Downing Street's *throat. Equally unthinkable is to* return primary and secondary education to local discretion.

Mr Major's preference is, unsur*prisingly, for him to take over* all schools himself. This is the proposal *that has been hacked between his* policy unit and the Treasury, to the horror of the Education and Environment Departments. Since Mrs Shephard was left stranded by the Birmingham speech, we can assume that *her views do not rate. The matter has* not even gone to Cabinet. Mr Major *means to show he still has Thatcher*ite hairs on his chest.

Removing all schools from local council control would end what surviving shreds of discretion remain to local government. No Western democracy has a school system responsible solely to a national parliament, with the exception of France (which is decentralising fast). Mr Major's schools would not be independent schools but "state" schools properly so-called.

School governors minded to opt out may long to break free of their local education committees. They should have been warned by last year's capping regime, when Mr Clarke banned schools from overstepping their budgets, even if it meant sacking teachers. For Mr Major to talk, as he did to *The Times*, about "self-government" of schools was rubbish. Governors should read the Learmont report on prisons, talk to any university professor, ask any hospital doctor what Downing Street's control freaks are really like. Labour showed its true colours when it recently promised to keep the Funding Agency in place. It can tell a good nationalisation when it sees one.

Running an education service was once the pride and joy of Britain's *local councils, Conservative as well* as Labour. They may not always *have done it well. But to think that* central government must do it better *is fantasy born of the arrogance of* power. What makes Mr Major think *that there are votes in all this?*

Simon Jenkins's Accountable to None: The Tory Nationalization of Britain *is published this week by Hamish Hamilton at £16.99.*

Alan Coren



■ *Unreasonable, unseasonable weather gives me the creepy-crawlies*

Of all God's many mistakes, the daftest was giving me dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the Earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the Earth. That is just too much dominion for anyone to hnadle, even in normal weather: get the hottest October since 1662, and even dominion over the dahlias goes to pieces.

In a tree just beyond the attic window behind which I am writing this, a fowl of the air sits looking at me. It has a large twig in its beak. It brought the twig to the tree some time ago, but it has done nothing since. Clearly, it is in two minds about what to do with the twig: the balm of ersatz spring has suggested that it start building a nest, but deep down the fowl knows that building a nest at this time of year would be crazy. If it built a nest, this would only encourage a female fowl to expect something, and it does not know whether it could handle that. It has never tried it twice a year. It is looking to me for dominion.

I do not want it to *build* the nest. Unlike the fowl, I have it on good authority *from* Ian McCaskill that the warm weather *will not last. Even if the fowl* manages to hack it with a female *fowl, their eggs will freeze*. The parents will not understand why *their offspring have not* emerged. Come Christmas, they *will be trying to teach the eggs to* fly. Heartbreaking. Dominion *demands I step in: but how?* If I open the window and shout at *the fowl, it will only take the* twig somewhere else. I shall *have to wait until the nest is* built and then poke it off with a *broom. The fowl will blame me*. It does not know about God.

And though I shall not, fortunately, be called upon to exercise my dominion over the fish of the sea, the frogs of the pond are crying out for it. Literally. As the result of this crying out, which is why they do it, the frogs of the pond are now gummed together in pairs. I went down this morning, and all their eyes looked plaintively up at me, in sets of four. They did not seem to be enjoying themselves much, and I am hardly surprised: they know they should have been long gone, pottering the undergrowth and doing the nourishing hibernal things frogs do when the nights draw in to get their strength up for the imminent frosts, not sapping it with unseasonal nookie which will only end up with their doomed spawn speckled into the ice. Caring dominion surely requires me to prise them apart, but can I bring myself to do it? There is, after all, an outside chance that, appearances notwithstanding, they are actually having a good time. You cannot tell much from a frog's face.

That is how I ended up at the dahlias: in flight from imponderable complication, towards a little guiltless enjoyment at their unseasonal splendour. Fat chance. I should have dug them up long since and stored them carefully in the garage to rot. Had I done that, they would not now be infested with every creeping thing that creepeth upon the Earth. And hoppeth. What should I do? I know absolutely nothing about *the dominion* required over October greenfly, earwigs, slugs, leafhoppers, never mind peculiar things not seen since 1662 — possibly not even their Pepys would, I'm sure, have *mentioned a thumb-sized bug* with ten legs and a full head of hair — and I *therefore have no* idea of the proper course of action. I have a shedful of leading-edge pesticides, but *none of their labels suggests* spraying in October, the conse*quences are incalculable*: bugs might thrive to sci-fi dimensions, the dahlias turn feral, the ozone layer shrivel and fall off, anything. Worse yet, should these disparate freakishnesses begin to interact with one another, ecology being the tricky johnny it is, you do not have to know much about chaos theory to wonder whether, before very long, our dominion over cattle, hitherto relatively unchallenged, might not face serious setback. Big mean cows could be tricky. It could become impossible to get a decent steak without first calling up air support. Forget milk altogether.

So I climbed back here into the attic to avoid thinking about any of this, but then the fowl turned up. And when I opened the window just now to get a better look at it, a bee flew in. It was the size of a plum.

Beauty parlour

A TRIO OF supermodels have outmanoeuvred the British film establishment to an era of cinema history flickering to a close. Naomi Campbell, Elle Macpherson and *Claudia Schiffer have won their* battle to turn the West End's last *Edwardian cinema into a theme* restaurant.

On Friday, a report by planners to Westminster City Council will recommend *that the once world*-famous Rialto Cinema should become the Fashion Café. It will be in direct competition with nearby Planet Hollywood, which belongs to beefcakes Arnie Schwarz*enegger, Sly Stalone and Bruce* Willis.

The planners' recommendation, which is unlikely to be challenged *by the council, will appal Lord At*tenborough and Sir David Putt*nam, who have been campaigning* to restore the cinema. The Rialto closed 13 years ago and has been described as the finest old cinema in London. "We need elegant *cinemas such as the Rialto to get* the most out of films," says Attenborough. "I love eating out, but we have an awful lot of restaurants."



Three graces: from silver screen to hot dishes

Sands paper

THE MAIN NEWS topic at *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday was a report of a leaked memo intended for the new Editor Charles Moore's eyes only. Sarah Sands, an executive at London's *Evening Standard* who is to join Moore at the *Telegraph*, is offering him tips on how to brighten the paper's news pages.

"The *Telegraph's* cheerful disposition must not ever look like complacency," she insists. "News stories are, of course, alarmist and we should play on people's fears although not perhaps their prejudices. The middle classes want to read about unemployment and negative equity and juvenile delinquency. We should sell stories hard but just stop short of distortion."

Sands goes on to name some 30 journalists whom the paper should recruit. Fourth on the list is Barbara Amiel — who happens to be the wife of the *Telegraph's* owner, Conrad Black.

● *You might think the burly and bearded botanist David Bellamy unmistakable. But on the contrary, he was recently taken for the diminutive figure of the Environment Secretary, John Gummer. "I arrived at a plant life conference in France, where a red carpet was rolled out for me," he says. "Then officials started referring to me as the Environment Minister. I'm sure it was because I was wearing a suit for a change," he boomed.*

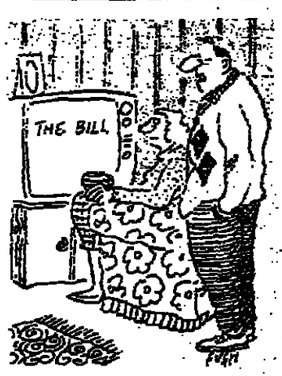
Bug bearer

YVES ST LAURENT'S first haute couture show in London, after more than 30 years in the business, took place at the Savoy on Monday night in aid of Unicef. But the Duchess of Kent, Unicef's royal patron, had to cry off.

The Duchess, 62, was struck down by a "viral bug" in the afternoon, according to a representative, and was forced to cancel all engagements. Only recently she was forced to miss the Duke of Kent's 60th birthday party, hosted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace, owing to "flu". I wish her a speedy recovery.

Anyone there?

THE CLERGY are considering *space travel to save souls. In* the forthcoming issue of the *Catho*lic Herald. Father Piero Coda, a Roman theology professor, sug*gests that the Catholic Church* should consider "evangelisation *missions in outer space".*



"It's not realistic — some of them are still on the beat"

Father Coda launched his proposal after the discovery last week of a planet outside our solar system. "If life were to be found on this planet, then it would have been contaminated by original sin and would require salvation," he says. A debate on Dalek salvation is surely raging by now in Rome.

Nuclear free

PROFESSOR Joseph Rotblat, who beat the Prime Minister and Albert Reynolds to the Nobel Peace Prize, appears uncertain about the latest honour to be bestowed upon him. The Polish-born prof is being offered the chance to become the first freeman of Camden since the London borough was formed in 1974. "This is something really very strange," he said.

Nevertheless, he would be following in illustrious footsteps. A picture of George Bernard Shaw in knickerbockers, after he was made a freeman of St Pancras, hangs in the Mayor of Camden's parlour. "No doubt I too would become another dusty picture in 40 years," the humble professor sighed at his home in the borough.

He has yet to reply to Camden's invitation.

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DIARY

ON THE BEAT

Patrolling policemen are a prop of our civic order

The policeman on the beat is one of the enduring heroes of British civic culture. In his Tory party conference speech, John Major promised that 5,000 more officers would soon be pounding the nation's streets. Tony Blair has put a similar premium on the role of the bobby on the beat. Yet a leaked Audit Commission report has raised serious doubts about the reality behind the rhetoric.

The confidential paper is reported to argue that the deployment of patrolling policemen is inefficient: that this area of police responsibility is "close to the bottom rung of the police status ladder"; and that patrol work fails to match public expectation. If the final version of the report makes these claims, it will pose fundamental questions about the future of the police service.

The task of the Audit Commission is to identify waste, mismanagement and underachievement in the public sector, a task it performs well. Yet there are different kinds of audit. The value of the policeman on the beat to ordinary people is not easily quantified or subjected to efficiency tests. The presence of a police officer on the streets is more than a deterrent to crime. It is a symbol of public order and the right of lawabiding people to go about their business wherever they please. For every householder assisted by the police when his home is burgled, there are a thousand pedestrians reassured by the sight of a bobby on the beat. A civilised society cannot afford to have "no-go zones" where ordinary people fear to tread. Its efforts to make the streets safe are as vital as they are hard to measure.

There is certainly an important role for transparency, league tables and clear performance indicators in the future of the police. The introduction of targets and the emulation of best practice can only be to the benefit of a public service long bedevilled by Spanish practices and canteen culture. But these reforms should not divert attention from those aspects of police work which are not reflected in performance tables.

Getting policemen back on the beat remains one of the most complex problems facing the service. Last year, the Police Foundation suggested a new category of "designated patrol officers", able to arrest for minor public offences only. While such a scheme might put more officers on the streets, it would also be confusing for the public. Why employ a police officer who could arrest a drunk but not a bank robber? Instead, greater effort must be made to liberate officers from unnecessary tasks.

The Home Office should not drop its campaign to divide police work into core tasks, which must be performed by policemen, and ancillary responsibilities, which can be contracted out to civilians. Above all, it must be made more attractive for policemen to stay on the beat in the first place. The most damning criticism of the commission's report is that officers regard foot patrol as the unglamorous work of the untalented. They are increasingly drawn to the opportunities offered by specialist duties, involving technology and sophisticated surveillance methods. If ministers are serious about putting more high-calibre officers on the beat, they must offer appropriate incentives. The idea of bonuses for teachers who opt to work in inner city sink schools is already under discussion. Why not offer incentives to policemen willing to stay on the streets?

WHEN IN ROME

Italy is at the cliff's edge again, preparing to step forward

The speed with which Italy's latest, and possibly gravest, postwar political storm has gathered has taken the country and even its politicians by surprise. Autumn brought the usual rash of public sector strikes. But otherwise Lamberto Dini, the banker who heads the "non-political" Government which took over after the collapse of Silvio Berlusconi's coalition last December, appeared to be steadily gaining in authority. Yet tomorrow he will be lucky to survive the vote of no confidence tabled by Signor Berlusconi. Even if he scrapes through, his Government seems certain to be so badly winged that it cannot govern. Italy seems inescapably headed into a chaotic election campaign, its third in four years.

In theory, this should be salutory. Signor Dini has governed for nine months on a caretaker basis, backed by the centre-left parties who lost the 1994 elections. This is no advertisement for democracy. For political stability, Italy needs elections; only then can it hope for a Government with a solid mandate to carry out sustained economic and social reforms. The trouble is that for elections to produce such a result, it needs political stability. The latest saga reveals how little of that there is around.

At the heart of the row is a serious constitutional dispute over the proper balance of power between Italy's widely discredited legislature and its much more respected judiciary. Filippo Mancuso, the Italian Justice Minister, has angered Signor Dini and the Left by accusing the anti-corruption teams of magistrates of abusing their powers. The Prime Minister cannot however sack his Justice Minister; instead, the entire Cabinet has to offer its resignation to the President.

To get round that constitutional hurdle, the Senate voted to remove Signor Mancuso last week. He refused to go, accused the Prime Minister of "supine" conduct and even more dramatically, hinted that President Scalfaro had yet to account for his uses of secret funds as Minister of the Interior in the 1980s. Signor Berlusconi, who faces trial in January on corruption charges and naturally sees eye to eye with Signor Mancuso, seized the moment to put the Government as a whole on the rack. In Italy's crazed political hall of mirrors, the Right's no-confidence motion has the support of the curiously named Reconstructed Communist Party, the hardline Communist rump.

There could well be defectors tomorrow, but on paper, this opportunistic Right-Left alliance has the votes to win. Even if it does, President Scalfaro does not have to dissolve parliament; but if he does not, the same coalition could well vote down Italy's all-important 1996 budget. If he does opt for a dissolution, six months could elapse before elections are held and a new Government formed. It will be a campaign in the shadow of scandal: Signor Berlusconi's problems with the magistrates are matched on the Left by those of Massimo D'Alema, the leader of the ex-communist Democratic Party of the Left, who is under investigation for illegal funding of his party.

For the rest of Europe, it matters that Italy seems unable to escape the political sickbed. The country lies on a sensitive faultline, between the Balkans and North Africa; and in January, it takes on the six-month presidency of the European Union. Only a few weeks ago Signor Dini, whose taste for political power has grown with every month in his "non-political" job, was confidently predicting Italy's early return to the European exchange rate mechanism and staking his claim to lead the country until next July. This week, as the Lira tumbles again, the more likely prospect is that Italy will be the fourth country in a row to chair the EU while deeply enmeshed in political scandal, or in the midst of an election campaign. Politics, sent on sabbatical last January, has returned to Rome in vengeful mode.

DARKNESS AT NOON

The Sun in its courses eclipses the pretensions of little men

Life came to a halt across a swath of Asia yesterday when millions stopped work to gaze in awe at the darkened heavens. The total eclipse of the Sun, a phenomenon as rare as it is bizarre, cast a shadow from Iran to Indonesia. This fascinated astronomers, terrified the superstitious and gave astrologers and soothsayers their most employment for years. Drums beat at Angkor Wat as Buddhist monks strained, behind special eclipse glasses, to see whether the Sun was eating the Moon — a good omen — or vice-versa, a less welcome portent. Thousands gathered in Borneo, where the eclipse lasted a record 160 seconds, shouted in glee as the last rays of the Sun faded in the firmament.

In India, however, there was near panic: the eclipse unhappily coincided with Diwali, the festival of light, and the contradiction between the forces of light and darkness was universally seen as a harbinger of havoc. The superstitious stayed indoors with the blinds drawn, fearful of being blighted by the Moon's shadow. P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Piscean Prime Minister, was so alarmed by his favourite astrologer's prediction of political eclipse that he has prolonged his visit to the United Nations with some other hastily arranged urgent business, to keep him abroad long enough to escape any malign influences from the heavens. Government by galactic constellation is indeed unusual, but not wholly unknown even in the West: Nancy Reagan also planned her husband's diary according to the Zodiac.

History is replete with examples of battles won, treaties broken and tyrants overthrown because of solar eclipses. The earliest record is in the Chinese *Shu Ching*. It tells how the divine figures of Hsi and Ho were deemed to have abandoned their duties to keep the Sun on course and gone on a drinking binge, so causing an eclipse. A military expedition was sent to punish such negligence. Homer twice makes the unrecognised Odysseus predict his return during an eclipse. On the day he was to slay his wife's suitors Theoclymenus notes that "the Sun has perished out of heaven, and an evil mist has spread over all". Herodotus tells how during the battle between the Lydians and the Medes, a total eclipse induced them to make peace. But the unhappiest victims of such solar quirks were the Athenians who were so dismayed by the solar eclipse of August 3, 431 BC and the lunar eclipse three weeks later that they refused to set off for battle and as a result were all killed or captured by the less superstitious Syracusans.

Eclipses are predictable. Alan Quartermain's wily use of astronomy is the denouement of *King Solomon's Mines*. They are markers in the diurnal round, guides to events in antiquity. Their baleful effects are, luckily, far from proved. But even sophisticated scientists cannot fail to be stirred and humbled by the eerie half-light, as brightness falls from the air and the flames of heavenly life are momentarily quenched.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Accountability in Prison Service

From Mrs Karen Caines and Professor Eric Caines

Sir, We support the commonsense tone of your leader on the limitations attaching to the devolution of management responsibility in the Prison Service ("Where the buck stops", October 23: letters, October 19, 21, 23).

The Next Steps report to the Prime Minister, which launched executive agencies (details, February 4, 1988), did not provide a single blueprint to be applied to every situation. As you say, the operating circumstances of HM Prison Service, the HMSO and Historic Scotland are not comparable. What makes them different is the degree of political sensitivity of their operations.

The Next Steps team was acutely aware of the extent to which politics and management interacted in government departments. But it also found, in the course of extensive field work, that there was a high level of unnecessary political interference in day-to-day operations (as well as the appointment at top management levels of senior civil servants with expertise only in policy-making) simply because the existence of the two functions existed within the same structures.

Next Steps was an attempt to place as much distance between the two as practically possible.

The case of the removal of the Parkhurst governor is atypical. Because of its high political content it was an issue in which the Home Secretary could not avoid being involved. In short, it fell in that area in which a clear distinction between operations and policy-making cannot be drawn.

To that extent Mr Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, though acting correctly, was entirely wrong in seeking to sustain a rigid distinction. He had the right to inquire into how the issue was being handled by Mr Derek Lewis, Director-General of the Prison Service, and he had the right to disagree, as he did, with what Mr Lewis was doing.

In that case he should have told the House of Commons that he overruled his Director-General.

What remains true, however, is that there must be large areas of day-to-day management over which the Home Secretary does not need to exercise close control and where to do so would seriously undermine the ability of the Prison Service to do the job required of it.

It is on these areas that the examination being undertaken in the aftermath of the Learmont inquiry into the escape of three dangerous prisoners from Parkhurst in January needs to concentrate and where a greater disengagement between the Home Secretary's Office and the Prison Service could probably be achieved.

Yours truly,
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October 23.

Clamping tax evaders

From Mr T. J. Horton

Sir, Let me reassure your correspondent Mr Boote (October 14) that the scheme to clamp the cars of those dodging car tax will be focused on serious evaders. The scheme is not designed to punish those whose tax disc may have fallen off the windscreen, or who are a day or two late in renewing it.

Before any car is clamped, the details will be checked against the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's records. So the "decent folk" to whom Mr Boote refers have nothing to fear.

Unfortunately, experience shows that in most cases where no up-to-date disc is shown, the motorist is simply trying to evade the tax that is due. The new scheme is aimed firmly at stamping out this evasion.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR HORTON
(Executive Director, Development Group),
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency,
Longview Road, Swansea.
October 18.

Top Nato posts

From Mr Stephen Curtis

Sir, Your leading article, "Nunn for Nato" (October 19), incorrectly identified the two most senior military positions in Nato. They are the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. The Southern European Commander, Admiral Leighton Smith, is merely the busiest.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN CURTIS
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Prince of Wales Drive, SW11.
October 19.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Plan to 'nationalise' state schools

From Mr Michael Fabricant, MP for Mid Staffordshire (Conservative)

Sir, Plans to fund all state schools centrally from the Department for Education (report, October 23) are long overdue.

Staffordshire is not atypical, suffering from a shortfall in education funding with the Labour-controlled county council blaming the Government — albeit that Staffordshire has one of the largest financial reserves of any county in England — and vice versa.

Now that we have a national curriculum and local school management, the time is right for central funding. The political buck-passing between local and national government must stop. The administrative savings from cutting out the local education authority middle-man are obvious and can be passed on to the schools for whom the funding is intended.

The central funding "experiment" has worked. It is time for the Government to side-step the hostile propaganda from self-interested education authorities who mislead parents and governors. Let us centrally fund all state schools now: before the next election.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FABRICANT,
House of Commons.
October 23.

From Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton

Sir, The removal of school funding from local education authorities would be nothing short of the nationalisation of our schools. It is bizarre that it comes from a Government which claims to be in favour of parental choice.

Your leader today, "The centre can hold", correctly underlines the need for local government to remain a strong and democratic provider of public services. Local government's role is to reflect the needs of local communities through democratically elected and locally accountable councils. It should not be emasculated to give effect to central government policies on schools which have failed to convince parents.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPHINE FARRINGTON
(Chair, Executive Council),
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October 24.

From Mr T. J. K. Sims

Sir, As the chairman of governors of two local education authority schools, I am most concerned to learn of proposals being considered by the Prime Minister.

We greatly benefit from the invaluable support and help from our council's education department, which is also well acquainted with the needs and difficulties of all our other local schools. Surely a faraway Department for Education is no substitute?

Another considerable area of concern is the shortage of dedicated and skilled people available as governors, who have the time to devote to managing a school and can commit themselves to this task — with its enormous responsibilities — for a period of years.

The Government's presumed proposals will not encourage more volunteers and will place an even greater burden on those who serve.

Yours faithfully,
TIM SIMS
(Chairman of Governors),
The Hyde Infant School,
The Hyde Junior School,
Hyde Crescent, NW9.

From Mr A. H. Hart

Sir, Sir Robert Balchin, chairman of the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation, is wrong when he says in your report that the choice is between local authority bureaucrats and the children's education. The choice is between local authority bureaucrats and central government bureaucrats.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. HART,
Wrotham Hill Park, Wrotham, Kent.
October 23.

Pill warning

From Dr Brian D. Keighley

Sir, The confusion over the release of the information about the Pill, only one of a succession of public relations failures, has been heavily reported. However, herein lies the solution to the problem.

There is already an established and well-used system of embargoed press release for important statements by government ministers on matters of policy. The Department of Health should immediately seek the agreement of media editors that in future they would honour such embargoed information in the interests of public health.

In this way it would be immaterial if a journalist obtained advance information fortuitously. GPs could be given adequate warnings so that they could lay proper plans to allay public anxiety with full information.

If such a system had been in place last week, failure to honour an embargo would have left editors with unwanted pregnancies in very vulnerable women on their collective consciences.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN D. KEIGHLEY
(Chairman, Scottish General Medical Services Committee, British Medical Association),
The Clinic,
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October 23.

From Dr Susan Dukes

Sir, "The Pill you are taking is dangerous. Don't panic. Consult your GP." That, in effect, is how the public was told on October 19 to respond to a warning by government scientists that certain brands of contraceptive Pill increased the risk of blood clots.

How is it that the public gets this information 24 hours before GPs to whom they are being sent for advice?

It is a scandal that in these days of the "information superhighway", the Committee on Safety of Medicines did not ensure that doctors were fully informed at the time it made its announcement.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN DUKES,
Highgate Group Practice,
44 North Hill,
Highgate, N6.
October 20.

From Dr J. R. Sherwin

Sir, As a Leeds GP working in the inner city, I naturally have my fair share of problems. However, the Government is to be congratulated for the speed with which it publicised the potential dangers to be found with a small group of contraceptive Pills. Anyone with a wife and daughter who are taking these Pills must be profoundly grateful to the Department of Health for not pussy-footing around, and any administrative difficulties pale into insignificance.

I received my fax with commendable efficiency from the Leeds Family Health Authority at 11am on October 19, well in time to deal with any queries. I suspect it is those GPs without a fax — and the Government has given very generous grants for their purchase — who are making all this unnecessary fuss. Hypocrisy doesn't save lives, only action does.

Yours faithfully,
JEFFREY SHERWIN,
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Leeds, West Yorkshire.
October 21.

Rail link blight

From Dr Richard Fordham

Sir, Sir Frank Layfield (letter, October 21) is concerned about compensation for those affected by the Channel Tunnel rail link. Apart from the compulsory purchase history of compensation, there is a new line of justification for compensation.

"Planning loss" is a term which I introduced in the 1980s and is now to be found in the formal policies of a range of statutory plans. In effect it implies that developers must compensate those upon whom their new development would impose significant costs.

The planning loss must be reasonably significant, because the minor repercussions of major developments would be impossible to trace and measure adequately.

The notion provides a clear standard for the level of compensation: that it should leave the injured parties no worse off than they were before the proposal.

The fact that there is a separately derived standard for compensation due to major new development should provide some comfort for those affected by the rail link.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD FORDHAM
(Managing Director),
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99 Talbot Road, W11.
October 23.

Ties with Murmansk

From Mr Alexander Sisnev

Sir, Your report of October 12, headed "Murmansk corruption and red tape put Nordic business links at risk", provides no evidence for its headline. Written, it seems, to demonstrate that old Soviet ways of doing business die hard with the local authorities in Murmansk, putting at risk foreign investment, it quotes two examples of this "alarming" tendency. Neither is justified.

The unnamed Norwegian company pushed out by its Russian partners (for reasons which you do not explain) operated in the Archangel region rather than in Murmansk.

And Statoil's petrol station outside Murmansk was not, as you report, fined in retaliation for resisting pressure from local crooked businessmen; its problems with finding customers when it tried to introduce prices for petrol nearly twice as high as those in other areas were resolved as soon as its prices were brought down to reasonable levels.

Local government in Murmansk is keen to develop closer economic ties with UK companies and is proud of the area's historic ties with Britain.

Yours sincerely,
ALEXANDER SISNEV
(Commercial Director),
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October 17.

At cross purposes over time change

From Viscount Mountgarret

Sir, What your otherwise excellent leader, "Time to change time" (October 23), omitted to mention was the fact that the House of Lords passed my Bill to introduce the adoption of Central European Time earlier this summer.

Unfortunately the Government appeared either unwilling, or unable, or both, to introduce this Bill in the House of Commons. In view of the fact that 84 per cent of the United Kingdom appeared positive on this matter following a government survey in 1993, and that the House of Lords has accepted the principle, the Government must surely have a moral obligation to present a Bill to enable Parliament to consider the matter on a free vote.

Yours faithfully,
MOUNTGARRET,
House of Lords.
October 23.

From Mrs Christina Speight

Sir, Your leading article appears to ignore the situation between 1968 and 1971, specifically in regard to the opinion polls before Greenwich Mean Time was abolished, the polls which led to the end of the experiment as a result of public demand and the increased road accidents in the early darker mornings.

Can you explain why those in Berlin, Munich and Rome are not themselves abolishing winter timings (thus putting us a further hour adrift) or the benefit to office workers in having to travel in the dark at both ends of the day instead of only at the end?

Any gains from European harmonisation would be balanced by more difficult contacts in the Far East and Australasia. Mainland Americans manage with four time zones and the Russians with seven. Europe has only three.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA SPEIGHT,
20 Ramillies Road, W4.
October 23.

From Mr Robin I. Morgan

Sir, Your leader is too much in the style of "Big Brother knows best". It might have been acceptable in wartime, but not today, when we are far less regimented, people work more flexible hours, shops stay open longer and there is generally much greater freedom to plan one's time.

Rather than play around with the clock, and the twice-yearly confusion that brings, we should stick to GMT and adjust our own hours to make the most of the daylight if we so wish.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN I. MORGAN,
13 Broadwater Close, Woking, Surrey.
October 23.

From Mr John Player

Sir, How useful to have the extra hour on Saturday night. It took me just 55 minutes to change two quartz carriage clocks, two wall clocks, digital timers on the water softener, the hi-fi system, the video, the dishwasher and the cooker, system clocks on two computers, three family watches, three bedside clock alarms, two car clocks and two car radios.

I then spent five minutes wondering what I had forgotten.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. PLAYER,
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Saxham Street, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

From Commander I. A. S. Wedderburn, RN (retd)

Sir, First it was "Britain in the dark" (leading article, October 25, 1993); then it was "Change time" (September 1, 1994); this year it is "Time to change time".

Do you think it might be possible for you to stop blethering about time at this time of year, and accept that *The Times* is out of tune with time, in this part of the kingdom at least?

Yours, for old *Times* sake,
IAN WEDDERBURN,
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October 24.

From Mr J. Walker

Sir, I assume that the powers that be, who make us persist with the outdated practice of altering our clocks twice a year, are not dog owners.

Perhaps they could persuade our boxer, cheerfully digging us out of bed at 4 o'clock this morning, that it is really 5 o'clock.

Yours faithfully,
J. WALKER,
46 Station Road, Herne Bay, Kent.
October 21.

Short rations

From Mrs Kerra St. John

Sir, My whole identity has been called into question by computer address systems that cannot cope with a simple full stop (letters, September 23, October 2, 5, 10, 19). On some mail I am Mrs St. On others, I am transformed into a stranger known as Mrs John. The individual known as Mrs St. John seems to have disappeared forever into some computer black hole.

I am, Sir, very definitely,
Yours faithfully,
KERRA ST. JOHN,
68 Lonsdale Road, Oxford.
October 19.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 24: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Portman House Trust in aid of their Stepping Stone Appeal at St James's Palace, London, SW1.

YORK HOUSE
October 24: The Duke of Kent this morning visited British Nuclear Fuels plc, Sellafield, Cumbria, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria (Mr James Cropper).

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and will attend a reception given by The Queen's Colleges in Ireland (Queen's University Belfast and the University Colleges of Cork and Galway) at St James's Palace at 6.30 to mark their sesquicentenary.

The Prince of Wales will visit the oncology unit of the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, at 11.45; as President of The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, will launch the Royal Bank of Scotland's new scheme in support of the trust at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, at 12.35; will visit the dementia resource centre at 32 Riccartsbar Avenue, Paisley, at 2.25 to mark the start of the Allied Dunbar Dementia Initiative in Scotland; and will revisit Stockholm Crescent, Paisley, to meet residents of the area who were victims of last year's floods at 3.15 and to be briefed on progress.

Princess Margaret, as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend the annual reception of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps at the Royal Hospital Chelsea at 7.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of St Bartholomew's Hospital, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will attend a concert at the Barbican at 7.20 in aid of the hospital.

The Duke of Kent, will visit Lawrence Scott and Electro Motors at Kerrison Road at 10.50; as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will open the Eastern Counties Newspapers print centre at St Andrews Business Park, Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrews, Norwich, at noon; and will visit Group Lotus at Hethel at 2.30. Later, he will attend a reception of the Union des Foires Internationales at Lancaster House at 6.45.

Appointment

Mrs Diane Yeo, former Charity Commissioner, to be Chief Executive of The Malcolm Sargent Cancer Cancer Fund for Children.

Louisiana Windows

Mrs Linda Noe Laine, of New York and Louisiana, was the host at a dinner in the Duveen Gallery at the British Museum, last Wednesday, October 18, in honour of the Dedication of The Louisiana Windows in Westminster Abbey. Among the 300 guests were Their Graces The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, The Viscount and Viscountess Portman, Sir Christopher and Lady Thompson, Dr Robert Anderson, Mr David and The Lady Pamela Hicks, The Lady Elizabeth Anson, Mr Mark and The Lady Harriot Tennant, The Mayor and Mrs Robert Powell of Monroe, LA, Mr and Mrs Keene Richards Kelley of New Orleans, Mr and Mrs Robert Kean Jr, of New York, Mr and Mrs Mark Littman.

On Thursday, October 19, Mrs Linda Noe Laine was the host at a luncheon at Six Hamilton Place for a delegation of Americans, who were with her in London for the Dedication of the Louisiana Windows in Westminster Abbey that afternoon. Following the service in the Abbey led by the Very Rev Michael Mayne, Mrs Linda Noe Laine and her guests were presented to Her Majesty The Queen.

Spencer House was the setting on Friday evening, October 20, for a "Southern Night" of cuisine and music given by Mr and Mrs Keene Richards Kelley, of New Orleans, in honour of Mrs Kelley's mother, Mrs Linda Noe Laine and The Louisiana Windows in Westminster Abbey. The house was transformed into a Southern setting with magnolia, hanging moss, banana leaves and a host of tropical flowers and plants. Dixieland jazz serenaded the guests before and during dinner. Guests were treated to a recital after dinner by Henry Butler, a jazz pianist from New Orleans. Among the guests were:

T.H. Prince and Princess Rupert Lowenstein, The Viscount and Viscountess Portman, The Hon Harry and Mrs Fane, Mrs Winston Churchill, The Lady Celestria Noel, Mr Stephen Fry, Miss Amicia de Moubray, Count Fritz von Schulenberg, The Very Rev Michael and Mrs Mayne.



MARTIN BEDDALL

Two cartoons (full-size sketches) by the 16th-century artist Agostino Carraci for his paintings of the Gods in Love on a ceiling in the Palazzo Farnese, Rome, have recently been restored and go on show from today in the National Gallery. Edward Harding, a former British Museum conservator who was in charge of restoration, looks at one of the works. *Cephalus carried off by Aurora in her Chariot*

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Andrew, civil servant, 67; Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley, 60; Sir Martin Gilbert, historian, 59; Mr Steve Hodge, footballer, 33; Mr Michael Lawrence, chief executive, the Stock Exchange, 52; Mr Peter McHugh, director of programmes, GMTV, 49; Sir David Mansel Lewis, Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, 68; Sir John Mayhew-Sanders, company chairman, 64; Mr Joe Mercer, racing manager, jockey, 61; Sir George Russell, chairman, ITC, 60; Mr A.C. Smith, chief executive, TCCB, 59; Mr Keith Taylor, chairman and chief executive, Esso UK, 57; Miss Galina Vishnevskaya, soprano, 69; Dame Gillian Wagner, former chairman, court of governors, Thomas Coram Foundation, for children, 68; Miss Judith Weleminsky, independent management consultant, 45; Professor D.J. Wiseman, Emeritus Professor of Assyriology, London University, 77.

Buckingham Palace luncheon

The Queen with Princess Margaret yesterday held a luncheon at Buckingham Palace. The guests were:

Dame Judi Dench (actress), Mrs Pat Preedy (Headteacher, Knowle Church of England Infant School, Solihull), Professor John Bourne (director, Institute for Animal Health), Mr Philip Gilbert (head of events programmes, BBC Television), Viscount Marchwood (vice-chairman and managing director, Moët & Chandon (London)), Professor Sir Keith Peters (Regius Professor of Physic, Cambridge University), Mr Derek Tonkin (chairman, The Ockenden Venture Refugee Charity), Mr Peter Wright (chairman, Central Council of Magistrates' Courts Committees).

Service dinners

The King's Regiment
Brigadier J.J. Gaskell, Colonel of The King's Regiment, was present at the annual dinner of the officers' dinner club held last night at Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow. Lieutenant-Colonel C.O. Hodges, Commanding the 1st Battalion, presided.

7th Armoured Division
The 7th Armoured Division Officers' Club held their Victory in Europe dinner last night at the Naval and Military Club. Brigadier A. Ridgway was the principal speaker and General Sir Martin Farndale, president, also spoke.

Dinners

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained representatives from commerce and industry, city institutions and businesses, public services and the media and their escorts, at the City banquet held last night at the Mansion House. Members of the Court of Aldermen, the Chief Commoner and Members of the Court of Common Council were also present.

The Lord Mayor, Mr Rudi Bogni, a Member of the Executive Board of SBC Warburg, and Mr Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of The Bank of England, were the speakers.

During the banquet the Dragon Awards, the Lord Mayor's awards for business involvement in the community, were presented to the following organisations:

John Laing, Herbert Smith, Whitbread and The Royal Bank of Scotland.

A London Partnership Award was made to Bromley-by-Bow Regeneration Initiative.

A special City award was made to Swiss Bank Corporation.

Special Certificates were made to The British Petroleum Company and the Bio-Regional Charcoal Company.

London Chamber of Commerce
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry held last night at Guildhall. Mr Brian Pearce, president, was the host. Among those present were:

Sir Brian Jenkins, Sir Derek Hornby, Sir James Duncan, Mrs Brian Pearce, Mr Ron G Taylor, Mr Simon Sperryn, Mr Geoffrey Martin, Mr William Roots, Mr Michael Frye, Mr Brian Harris, Mr Neil Thornton, Mr Melvin Caplin, Mr Toby Harris, Mr Martin Jaskel, Mr Peter Reid, Mr Alan Lyons, Mr George Challis, Mr Kenneth Gardener, and representatives of the Australian Chamber of Commerce (UK), the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce, the Chambre de Commerce Française de Grande-Bretagne and the German Chamber of Commerce.

United & Cecil Club
Mr Michael Portillo, MP, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the United & Cecil Club held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was the host. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, presided. Mr R. Brian Williamson also spoke.

London Metal Exchange
The Chairman, Mr R.K. Bagri, and the Board of Directors of The London Metal Exchange Limited, were the hosts at their annual dinner at Grosvenor House last night. The guest speaker was Mr Brian Gilbertson, Executive Chairman of the Gencor Group. Also present were some 1,700 members and guests of the Exchange.

I Zingari
A Dinner to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of I Zingari was held at the Savoy last night. The Governor, Mr George Mann, presided and three hundred members attended. Before Dinner members stood in silence in memory of Lord Home of The Hirsel, Governor 4th Wicket Down. The health of I Zingari was proposed by Field Marshal The Lord Bramall; Vice Admiral Michael Gretton replied. The Governor made a presentation to Sir William Becher in recognition of his long and devoted service to the club.

Chamber of Shipping
The president, Mr Timothy Harris, presided at the annual dinner of the Chamber of Shipping held at the London Hilton on Park Lane last night. The principal guest was the Right Hon the Lord Donaldson of Lymington who proposed the toast to British Seafarers and British Shipping. Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, RD*, JP, RNR, Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, spoke on behalf of the guests.

Royal Society of St George
Admiral Sir Jock Slater, GCB, LVO, ADC, First Sea Lord, proposed the toast to the 'Immortal Memory' at the Annual Trafalgar Dinner of the Royal Society of St George held at the Hyatt Carlton Tower, Cadogan Place, on Saturday, October 21. Sir Colin Cole, KCB, KCVO, TD, presided. Among the guests were:

Lady Slater, Lord and Lady Huntingdon, Lady Cole, Alderman Clive and Mrs Martin, Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Herbert, Sir Peter and Lady Imbert, Sir William and Lady Shapland, Judge Michael and Mrs Chism, Mr William Shepherd, Mrs Dorothy Cassels, Mr Derek Davis and Baroness Von Moser, Captain and Mrs Ashe Lincoln, Mrs M Green, Mr and Mrs John Bailey, Mr and Mrs J. Byllam-Barnes, Mr and Mrs Arthur Naisbitt, Mr George Andrews, Mr William Firth, Mr and Mrs Cyril Horsford, Mr and Mrs Aubrey Temple, Mr Hansjörg Meindl, Mr Philip Rosengarten and Miss Melanie Kirstein, Commander and Mrs Roger Walker.

The Northern Circuit
The Northern Circuit held a dinner in honour of the Right Hon The Lord Steyn, the Right Hon Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, the Right Hon Lord Justice Morritt, CVO, and the Hon Mr Justice Poole on Saturday, October 21, 1995, in Lincoln's Inn Great Hall. Those who were present included:

Mr Rodney Klevan, QC, Leader of the Northern Circuit; the Right Hon Lord Justice Russell, Mr Benet Hytner, QC, and Mr John Rowe, QC, (former Leaders of the Circuit); the Right Hon Lord Justice Rose, the Hon Mr Justice Douglas Brown, the Hon Mr Justice Morland, the Hon Mr Justice Mantell, the Hon Mrs Justice Bracewell, DBE, the Hon Mr Justice Kay (Presiding Judge of the Northern Circuit), the Hon Mrs Justice Smith, DBE, the Hon Mr Justice Forbes (Presiding Judge of the Northern Circuit), the Hon Mrs Justice Steel, DBE, the Hon Mrs Justice Hale, DBE; the Right Hon Sir Iain Glidewell, Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, OBE, TD, DL, Sir Kenneth Hollings, MC; His Honour Judge Rhys Davies, QC, the Recorder of Manchester; many present and former circuit judges and Mr Mark Benson, Junior of the Northern Circuit.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Macaulay, historian and politician, Rothley Temple, Leicestershire, 1800; Johann Strauss the Younger, composer of *The Blue Danube*, Vienna, 1825; Georges Bizet, composer, Paris, 1838; Pablo Picasso, painter, Malaga, Spain, 1881; Richard Byrd, pioneer aviator, and polar explorer, Winchester, Virginia, 1888.

DEATHS: Stephen, King of England, reigned 1135-54, Dover, 1154; Geoffrey Chaucer, poet, London, 1400; Evangelista Torricelli, physicist, designer of the barometer, Florence, 1647; King George II, reigned 1727-60, London, 1760; Sir Charles Hallé, pianist and conductor, Manchester, 1895; Mary McCarthy, novelist, New York, 1989.

The English Army defeated the French at Agincourt, 1415.

The Charge of the Light Brigade took place at Balaclava, 1854.

Memorial services

Miss Molly Hide

A memorial service for Miss Molly Hide, cricketer, was held yesterday at St Bartholomew's, Haslemere, Surrey. The Rev Tracy Redfearn officiated. Miss Sharon Bayton, Chairman of the Women's Cricket Association, and Mr Richard Kershaw, godson, paid tribute.

Miss Rosamond Hone

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Rosamond Hone, former Principal Tutor of the Nightingale School at St Thomas' Hospital, was held yesterday in the hospital chapel. The Rev Michael Stevens, chaplain, officiated and Miss Angela Goad said a prayer. Mr David Dawson, nephew, read the lesson and Miss Natalie Tiddy, President of the Nightingale Fellowship, read from *Notes on Nursing* by Florence Nightingale. Miss E.J. Bocock gave an address.

Professor Alfred Felix Landon Beeston

A memorial service for Professor Alfred Felix Landon Beeston, MA, DPhil, FBA, FRAS, Westminster Scholar, Christ Church, 1929-33, James Mew Arabic Scholar, 1934, Laudian Professor of Arabic, 1955-78, and Professorial Fellow, 1955-78, Emeritus Fellow, 1978-95, and Dean for Degrees, 1969-95, at St John's College, will be held in the Church of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford, on Saturday, November 25, at 2.30pm. Tea will be available in St John's College Hall following the service.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.S. Fox and Miss L.K. Gunn
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John Fox, of Wimbledon, London, and Lisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Gunn, of Far Oakridge, Gloucestershire.

Mr P.J. Hamilton and Miss E.F. Collis
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr D.J. Hamilton-Rump, of Hemingford Abbots, Cambridgeshire and Mrs J.M. Hamilton-Rump, of Somerton, Somerset, and Liddy, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.F.R.C. Collis, of Cheadle, Staffordshire.

Mr S.J. Hanbury and Miss S.M. Playfair
The engagement is announced between S.Julian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Dennison Hanbury, Bovey Tracey, Devon, and Susan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Playfair, Wester Quarff, Shetland.

Dr D.V. Marmion and Miss N. Mason
The engagement is announced between Damien, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Vincent J. Marmion, of Clifton, Bristol, and Nicky, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter R. Mason, of Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr R.T. Teale and Miss V.J. O'Sullivan
The forthcoming marriage between Rupert, son of the late Mr Peter Teale and of Mrs Sonya Teale, of Tenterden, Kent, and Veronica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael O'Sullivan, of Kyneton, Victoria, will take place on February 10, 1996, in Australia.

Legal appointment

Mr Simon Pratt to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Marriages

Marchese Carlo Clavarino and Miss I.F. Harvie-Watt
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 21, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1, of Marchese Carlo Clavarino, son of Marchese and Marchesa Roberto Clavarino, of Genoa, and Miss Isabelle Harvie-Watt, daughter of Sir James and Lady Harvie-Watt, of London. Father Anthony Meredith, SJ, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Patrick Byng and by Emily Marr, Lara Boglione, Carola Clavarino, Francesca Clavarino, Giorgina Clavarino, Costanza Manfredi, Viola Arrivabene, Valenti Gonzaga and Alberto Clavarino. Marchese Francesco Clavarino was best man.

Mr A.B. Hotchkiss and Mrs P.G. Edgren
The marriage took place in Stockholm, on Friday, October 20, at Lovö Kyrka, Drottningholm, of Mr Barty Hotchkiss and Mrs Pia Edgren.

Mr J.H.D. Riggall and Miss C.J. Belloc Lowndes
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 21, at St Peter's, St Mary Bourne, Hampshire, of Mr Jamie Riggall, younger son of the late Lieutenant Colonel R.H.D. Riggall, and of Mrs Riggall, and Camilla, daughter of Mr Richard Belloc Lowndes and Mrs Timothy Bathurst. Dom Philip Jebb and the Rev Bill Robson officiated.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Tatiana Carralet, Poppy and Richard Cotterell, Harry Findlay, Edward Morrison, Eliza Sangster, Ned and Mylo Sangster and the Earl of Sunderland. Mr Harry Cotterell was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Australia.

British Association for Sport and Law

The British Association for Sport and Law held their Annual Conference at Lincoln's Inn, Old Hall, on Saturday, October 21. This was followed by a Dinner at which the President, Mr Edward Grayson, the Chairman, Mr Maurice Watkins, the Secretary, Mr Raymond Farrell and other officers and members entertained the guests, including the Right Hon David Mellor, QC, MP, the speaker, Professor Martin J. Greenberg, Director, National Sports Law Institute, USA, and Mr Brian Doyle, Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association. It was preceded by a reception on Friday, October 20, at the offices of Messrs Farrer & Co, 66 Lincoln's Inn Fields, hosted by Mr Charles Woodhouse.

Luncheon

Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce
The Danish Ambassador was present at a Conference/Luncheon of the Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel. Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, National Chairman of the Danish Liberal Party, and Mr William Cash, MP, were the guests of honour and speakers.

Lecture

Royal Society of Medicine
Professor Dennis Lincoln delivered the Ellison-Cliffe lecture yesterday at the Royal Society of Medicine. Later Sir Donald Harrison, president of the society, and Lady Harrison received the guests at supper at 1 Wimpole Street. Among those present were:

Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme, Sir Christopher Booth, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams, Sir George and Lady Pinker, Sir Christopher Paine and Dr Carice Ellison.

Queen's Jubilee Scholarship Trust

The Institution of Civil Engineers has awarded the 1995 QUEST Undergraduate Scholarships to the following:

Gareth Belton (Imperial), Joanna Clements (Cambridge), David Cotton (UCL), Nicola Chapman (Manchester), Charles Carney (Queens), Matthew Dixon (Imperial), Gary Davies (Univ of Wales), Daniel Fairlee (Newcastle), Stuart Farmer (Oxford), Sinead Gorman (Oxford), Richard Garvey (Leeds), Victoria Goodwin (Oxford), Nina Hazell (Cambridge), Timothy Ives (Manchester), James Hart (Nottingham), Kate Horsfall (Imperial), Kate Manser (Bristol), Jonathan McCallum (Imperial), John Morris (Newcastle), Ted Picken (Nottingham), Adam Pickles (Cambridge), Piers Ridout (UMIST), Russell Smith (Heriot-Watt), Zoe Stephens (Manchester), James Stewart (Cambridge), Emily So (Imperial), Mark Tisdale (Durham), Laurens Tait (Imperial), Alastair Winchester (Heriot-Watt), Sarah Wharton (Univ of Wales).

The QUEST Scholarship is awarded to encourage and promote education in the art and science of civil engineering.

Latest wills

Mr Victor Horace Johnson, of Solihull, West Midlands, left estate valued at £6,282,202 net.

Judge Kenneth John Taylor, of Scholar Green, Cheshire, a Circuit Judge since 1977, left estate valued at £185,564.

Mrs Frances Mary Murphy, of Hampton, west London, the arachnologist, the first woman president of the British Entomological and Natural History Society, and founder member of both the British and American Arachnological Societies, and the Friends of the Natural History Museum, left estate valued at £252,654.

Mr Dennis George King, of Norwich, a master of the art of stained glass restoration, who worked on Winchester College Chapel, Merton College, Oxford, and Kings College, Cambridge, left estate valued at £286,555 net.

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A scholar's wisdom comes of ample leisure; to be wise he must be relieved of other tasks.
Ecclesiasticus 38 : 24

BIRTHS

ANDERSON - On 24th October 1995, to Margaret (née Beeton) and David, a daughter, Isobel Kinloch, a sister for Frances.

BUCKLEY - On October 18th 1995, to Tiffany (née Maylam) and Timothy, a daughter, Tabitha Aimée.

CHRISTIE - On October 16th 1995, to Melanie (née Hodgson) and Robin, a son, Edward Sebastian, a brother for James.

CLARKE - On October 23rd at 6.27 pm, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Amanda and John, a son, Cameron Gordon, a brother for Edward and William.

FORRESTER - On October 20th in New York, to Rebecca (née Ferrand) and Robert, a daughter, Claudia Elizabeth.

GOSLING - On 20th October, at the Clarendon Wing, Leeds, to Susan (née Quinn) and Andrew, a daughter, Imogen Victoria, a sister for Serena.

HATFIELD - On 21st October, to Rachel and Sam, a daughter, India Rose.

HUBBARD - On 11th October, to Richard and R. Clare (née Bull), a son, Benjamin.

KIRKLAND - On October 19th, to Julia and Nick, a son, Benjamin David, a brother for Jamie and Timothy.

LLOYD - On 12th October, to Eileen (née Earley) and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Katie Alice Rose.

MACDONAGH - On October 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Frances (née Curtis) and Frank, a wonderful son, Hugo Francis Hamilton.

MATTHEWS - On October 21st, to Emma (née Griffiths) and Duncan, a daughter, Claudia Elizabeth, a sister for George.

MONKHOUSE - On 16th October at Worcester, to Elizabeth (née Jerrum) and Neil, a daughter, Tabitha Caitlin, a sister for Rupert.

PARTICK-HILEY - On 20th October 1995, to Lisa and Nicholas, a son, Hugo Alexander Tichborne.

PEARSON - On October 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Charles and Lila, a son, George Frederick.

ROSE - On October 18th 1995 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Victoria (née Sinclair) and Daniel, a son, William George Frederick.

SKINNER - On October 18th 1995, to Joanna (née Spreckley) and Garth, a daughter, Dominic Eva, a sister for Samuel and Jamie.

STRONG - On Monday 23rd October 1995 at The Portland Hospital, London W1, to Judith (née Park) and Christopher, a daughter, Charlotte Louise Victoria.

SUTHERLAND - On 16th October, to Stephanie and Douglas, two sons, Robert Cameron and Benjamin Maxwell.

WELHAM - On 12th October, to Caroline and Dominic, a son, Benedict.

DEATHS

ACHESON-GRAY - Suddenly on 23rd October 1995, Robert William Acheson-Gray FRICS of Perranarworthal, Cornwall, formerly of Oxshott, Surrey, aged 73. Beloved husband of Iona, devoted father of Sarah, Neil and Mary and proud and loving grandfather of Steven, Will, Charlie, Jonathan, Kate and Ben. Funeral Service at St Piran's Church, Perranarworthal, on Monday 30th October at 2.15 pm.

AMOS - Hugh, on Sunday October 22nd, peacefully at home aged 87 years. The funeral will take place at St Joseph, Geneva, on Friday 27th October at 2.30 pm.

ASHLEY - John, on 21st October 1995, after a long illness aged 65 years. Much loved husband of Wanda. Principal for 25 years of Conyboro School, Cooksbridge. Very much loved by very many people, he will be sadly missed and gladly remembered. The funeral will be on Friday 27th October at 12.45 pm at The North Chapel, Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton. Enquiries to G. Trower, Mongers Mead, Barcombe, Lewes, East Sussex. (01273) 400680.

BATCHELAR - Thomas Allen (Tom) Lt. Col. Ret'd. Peacefully on 22nd October 1995 aged 68 years of Salisbury. Much loved husband of Lois and father of Kate and Thomas. Funeral service on Saturday 28th October 1995 at Stratford-sub-Castle, Salisbury at 10.45 am. Flowers or donations for The British Epilepsy Society c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 56 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts., SP1 1HL.

BEAUCHAMP - On 23rd October, peacefully at home Elizabeth Lyndon (née Moore), so dearly loved and loving wife of Philip, mother of Richard and John and grandmother of Simon, Iain and Nigel. Funeral at King Charles the Martyr Church, Tunbridge Wells on 1st November at 2 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired to Hospice in the Weald, Allen Gardiner House, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 3QU.

BRYCE - On 23rd October 1995, Peter Hylton, much loved husband of Avis, father of Emma. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Friday 27th October at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations may be made to Imperial Cancer Research Fund and sent to A.B. Walker and Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading RG1 4DL.

BURNARD - On 20th October 1995, Diana Awdrye, suddenly and peacefully in her 91st year. Widow of the late Jack Burnard; mother of Elizabeth/Ann Goldsworthy and Rozel Lawler; grandmother of Andrew, Simon and Mary, Jonathan, Philip and Jessica. Funeral Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday 30th October at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Dartmoor Preservation Association, The Duchy Hotel, Tavistock Road, Princetown, Devon.

CLITHEROW - Shirley, On October 21st 1995, peacefully at home, surrounded by family and friends. Dearly beloved wife of the late Sandy, she leaves her sons, Piers and Simon, together with her mother Muriel Woods. Service at Reading Crematorium at 2pm on Monday 30th October 1995. Family flowers only, but donations to Dr Spittle's Cancer Research Fund, via the Meyerstein Institute of Oncology, Middlesex Hospital, London W1N 8AA.

COCKBURN - Mrs Margaret Skelton Cockburn, widow of Frank, mother of Bob, died peacefully in her sleep aged 90 on 23rd October 1995. Family Cremation. Memorial Service 1 pm 18th November, Crown Court Church, Russell Street, Covent Garden. Collection for Oxfam and Crown Court Church.

FORD - On October 13th, tragically, in a road accident, in Swaziland, Jacqueline Avril Ford MB. BS. aged 26. Dearly beloved daughter of John and the late Mary Ford, adored sister of Christopher, stepdaughter of Sukey, stepsister of Mandy and Gill. Totally selfless and relentless in her work, we all loved her so much. Funeral Service on Friday, October 27th, at St Lawrence's Church, Bovingdon, Herts. at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Bethesda Mission c/o Dr. Ian Swan, 10 Newtown, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire BA15 1NE.

GILLIES - On 24th October 1995, Hilda Mary, widow of Dr. Dugald Gillies and mother of Heather (Sian) and Deirdre. Cremation, family only, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Alverstoke, Gosport, at 11.30 am on Friday 3rd November 1995. Donations, if desired, to St Mary's Church, Alverstoke.

GRANT - Joyce F. of Dormans Park, peacefully after a lost fight on Saturday 21st October. Loved and loving wife of Alec and mother of Pamela and grannie of Helena. Service of Thanksgiving for her life followed by cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Friday 27th October at 2.15 pm. No flowers or mourning but donations to Age Concern (Croydon), Freemasons Avenue, Croydon.

HAWKINS - On 23rd October 1995, peacefully, Charles Richard John (Tiger) Hawkins R.A.F. ret'd., O.B.E., A.F.C., formerly a Test Pilot of some renown. Much loved husband of the late Norah and father of Peter, David, Michael and the late Brian. Requiem Mass at Marnhull, Dorset R.C. Church on Wednesday 1st November at 1.45 pm. All enquiries to Bracher Brothers F/D. tel: (01747) 822494.

HAYDEN - Leonard ("Pat") aged 89, husband of Win, father of Dick, Jane and Bridget and grandfather of Anthony and Leslie, died Thursday 19th October 1995 at Milton Keynes. Enquiries J.S. Cowley & Son (01908) 566383.

HILL - Joseph William, on 20th October 1995 aged 83, peacefully after a long illness borne with courage. Fortified by the Rites of Holy Church. Beloved husband of Win and much loved uncle of John and Anthony. Requiem Mass at Corpus Christi, Langdon Street, Tring on 30th October 1995 at 11 am followed by interment at Wilstone Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers to Mother Theresa c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 1AH.

HINGLEY - The Reverend Bernadette (née Bryan) aged 47 on October 20th at St Mary's Hospice, Birmingham after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Beloved wife of The Reverend Robert Hingley and mother of Elizabeth and Catherine. Third daughter of Sir Paul Bryan and the late Betty Bryan and sister to Elizabeth and Felicity. Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Bristol Street, Birmingham on Wednesday November 1st at 12 noon. Donations to The Bernadette Hingley Trust (to assist women seeking ordination). Details from Wheatley and Son (0121) 440-1020. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at All Saints Church, Brompton, nr. Scarborough, Yorks at a later date.

HOPE - At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, Tommy (J.L.) Hope, WS, peacefully on October 23rd 1995. Loving husband of the late Kitty (née Sconce), father of Charles and Michael; much loved grandfather of Joanna and Fiona. Funeral service at St Andrew's and St George's Church, George Street, Edinburgh on Thursday October 26th at 2 pm. Interment thereafter in the Dean Cemetery (Dean Path Entrance).

HURST - On October 20th in an Epsom, Surrey hospital after a long debilitating illness, Irene (née Slater), beloved wife of the late Tom, dearest mum of Peter and Christine and granny of Jamie, Peter, Irene, Christopher and Katrina. Funeral Service at The Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Friday October 27th at 3.30 pm. If wished donations in lieu of flowers to: Burford Ward, West Park Hospital, Epsom. Enquiries to W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd., Epsom. (01372) 723357.

LANGTON - David Michael Lee. Died peacefully at home on Saturday 21st October. The cremation was held for family only, yesterday. A wake for friends will take place in a fortnight.

LANNON - Suddenly, on Saturday October 21st 1995, Sarah Helen, beloved wife of Lawrence Dickinson and darling mother of Alexandra and Sián and a dearly loved daughter and sister. Service at St Mary's Church, Merton Park, Wimbledon, on Friday 27th October at 12 noon. Flowers or donations, if preferred, to The National Childbirth Trust c/o F.W. Paine, 26 Crown Lane, Morden, Surrey SM4 5BL. (0181) 642-1214.

LAWSON - On October 20th 1995, Ernest, beloved and devoted husband of Eileen, beloved father of Maurice, Neroli and Virginia, dearest grandfather of Eloïse, Alicia and Ethan and brother of Arthur, Raymond and Leslie. A kind and loving friend to all. A memorial service will take place at 6 pm on Sunday November 19th at the New West End Synagogue.

le MAISTRE - Marie Thérèse, on 19th October, widow of John Villeneuve, much loved mother of Marion and Elizabeth, and grandmother of Matthew and Ivo Smith, Alasdair, Miranda and Damien Macaulay. Funeral on 25th October in Jersey. No flowers but donations may be sent to One Small Step Trust, 65 Shoe Lane, London EC4A 3BQ.

LITHGOW - On 22nd October 1995 at Broadwindsor, Rachel (née Meyrick) aged 90 years. Widow of Laurence. Funeral Service at Great Barton Parish Church, Suffolk, on Friday, 27th October at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Prayers at Seaborough, Dorset, will be said on Sunday, 12th November, at 9.30 am. Donations, if wished, to Action for Blind People c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

MARTINEAU - Catherine Makepeace Thackeray died peacefully at home on October 22nd 1995. Mother of Richard, Charlie, Jane and Eliza, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private. Memorial Service at St Mary's, Walsham-le-Willows, Monday October 30th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to A.E. Thurlow & Son, 1 High Street, Ixworth, Suffolk.

MARWOOD-ELTON - Group Captain N.W.D. (David) D.F.C., R.A.F. (retd). Died 20th October. Funeral at St Veep Parish Church, Friday 27th October at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Higher Penpoll or donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London.

McCONNELL - Suddenly at San Rafael, Lt. Col. Paul, late 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment. Uncle of Paul, Kevin and Braffal. Dear friend of Alison. Greatly missed by all his friends. Donations if desired to C.R.S., Cheshire Regiment, The Castle, Chester.

MOIR - Joyce, peacefully at Kent and Sussex Hospital on 20th October 1995 aged 86 years. Much loved wife of Clifford, will be sadly missed. Funeral Service to be held at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Tuesday 31st October 1995 at 2.30pm. Donations if desired to Heart of Kent Hospice c/o Abbey Funeral Services, 173 High Street, Tonbridge. tel: (01732) 360328.

MORRIS - On 22nd October peacefully in his sleep, John Callow aged 85, formerly of Burmington and latterly of Devizes, beloved husband of the late Joan, father of Tina and grandfather of Hugh and Harriet. Funeral Service at Bishop's Cannings Church on Monday 30th October at 11.30 am. Flowers, if desired, to Winchcombe Funeral Service, 37 New Park Street, Devizes, SN10 1DT. tel: (01380) 722800.

RAYNE - JR died peacefully in the Radcliffe Infirmary, 21st October. Loving and much loved husband of Norma. Adored father of Philippa and Tim. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be held in Oxford at a later date. Donations, if desired, to the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

SHEBBEARE - On October 21st 1995, Robert Claude Reginald Shebbeare aged 80, lived at Treknow, Tintagel, only son of the late Claude and Kathleen Shebbeare and beloved brother of Mary Lamb and the late Gillyan Shebbeare. Fortified by the Rites of the Holy Church. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church Tintagel on Monday October 30th at 2 pm.

WARBURTON - Minnie, died peacefully at her Watford home on 22nd October aged 84 years. On whose soul, sweet Jesu, have mercy. So very loving and so beloved of Clifford, Marian, Christopher, Monika, Amanda, Nella, Christine, Howard, Brian, Dilys, Richard, Richard James, Brendan and so many more. Funeral at St Michael & All Angels Church, Watford on Tuesday 31st October at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to Watford Hospice Appeal c/o M.E. Glasper Funeral Director, 172 St Albans Road, Watford, Herts, WD2 4AS, tel: (01923) 247427.

WARD - Jean La Fontaine (née Langston Day) beloved mother of William, Richard and Joanna and widow of John, on 21st October. Donations to charities for the deaf c/o J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

ZEUNER - Nancy F (Peggy) died 18th October at Buckland Hospital, Dover, aged 90. Private cremation at Barham Crematorium, near Canterbury. No flowers please or mourning.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CANDLISH - Major Richard. A Memorial Service for Dick Candlish will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on Wednesday 29th November 1995 at noon. Tickets/Car passes from: Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks, London SW1E 6HQ.

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OBITUARIES

GAVIN EWART

Gavin Ewart, poet, died on October 23 aged 79. He was born on February 4, 1916.



PERHAPS the most popular Poet Laureate who never was, Gavin Ewart will be remembered as an exuberantly prolific and subversive poet of modern times. Radical, rude and roistering, he regarded the world with the mischievously acid gaze of the child who declared that the emperor had no clothes.

Ewart was an acknowledged master of light verse. "Of course it's not the greatest thing in the universe," he once wrote, "but it's able to speak clearly of ... ironies." It was a form, he seemed to realise, which, like satire, was too natural and too seditious an art to be vulnerable. But his sense of the ludicrous could at times be profoundly touching and his stinging directness stripped pretension from everything he wrote about, whether sex, death and religion or cricket, drink and literary circles.

Free of any prudishness or false reverence, Ewart swilled his own liberal anti-authoritarian politics together with Popean satiric farce and added a strong dash of Byronic panache for good measure.

Gavin Buchanan Ewart was educated at Wellington College where, introduced to the work of Auden, his own poetic talent flowered vigorously. By the age of 17 he had already celebrated his school's athletic achievements in Pindaric verse and contributed a series of youthfully shocking epigrammatic surrealisms entitled *Phallus to Geoffrey Grigson's New Verse*, a highly regarded periodical of the day. He subsequently went up to Christ's College, Cambridge, where he continued writing, though he remained distinctly unimpressed by Leavis's solemn exclusivity.

On graduating, Ewart supported himself financially by selling contemporary lithographs while he worked on his first book *Poems and Songs*. This was published in 1939 just before he was 23. Then war broke out.

Ewart served in the Royal Artillery from 1940 to 1946, fighting in Italy and North Africa. Although his wartime experiences were to provide the sources for many later ideas, his poetic voice fell silent. Demobilised as a captain, he went on to work for a short period for the British Council and as a production manager for Editions Poetry, London, before falling for the dubious charms of advertising — the "Fatal Lady of the Lake", as he was to describe it — writing copy for an agency whose clients included such firms as English Electric and the Steel Company of Wales.

Ewart's talents remained submerged for many years, though he used his slack time in the office to develop his own poems. Copywriting also nurtured the arts of exactitude and concision as well as tuning his ear to the fragments of table-talk, headline-speak and lavatory-wall graffiti which he was later deftly to turn into scraps of poetry.

But Ewart was not really to start writing prolifically again until he fell in with a crowd of other young poets, among whom was Peter Porter, always to remain a lifelong friend, who reawakened his enthusiasm. His renascence was little short of explosive.

In 1964 he published *Londoners*. This was followed in 1966 by *The Pleasures of the Flesh* and in 1968 by *The Deceptive Grin of the Gravel Porters*. From then on he went on writing, publishing a new book every two or three years in a burgeoning creativity which was to culminate in two massive collections of his poetry, one collating that written between 1933 and 1980, the other between 1980 and 1990. He tackled numerous issues, but became known chiefly for his virtuoso handling of the formal device. Sometimes he used this to devastating effect as in *The Gentle Sex*, a poem in which he uses the precise stanzaic form of Hopkins's *Wreck of the Deutschland* to describe and mourn the brutal murder of Anne Ogilvy by members of the Ulster Women's UDA. Usually he was lighter. His book *All My Little Ones* (1978) plays with Japanese haiku, while elsewhere he flirts with the limerick and clerihew or indulges his humour in consummate pastiche.

Ewart became a welcome, if somewhat Rabelaisian, member of the literary scene, broadcasting and reading poetry with a fluency and sensitivity, interspersed with a characteristic guffaw. Yet, though sociable, he could never have been accused of dwelling "in the Land of Received Ideas, sipping Veuve Cliché" — he always maintained a subversive outlook and refreshing breadth of tolerance. In 1978-79 Ewart was chairman of the Poetry Society.

In 1984, when Sir John Betjeman died, Ewart's name was among those bandied around as his possible successor to the laureateship. But perhaps an occassionally po-faced critical Establishment was perturbed by his irreverence for the canon, by his dirty-schoolboyish reworking of Byron's *So We'll Go No More A-Roving* or his slangy rendering of Yeats's *Sailing to Byzantium*. Perhaps the outspokenness of a man who could describe Margaret Thatcher as "a fake-lady bossyboots from Grantham" and could confront approaching old age as a time for "riot and rut" was something of a liability. It was probably for similar reasons that Ewart was also not finally elected to the Oxford professorship of poetry in 1984, although he was nominated for this post. But he seemed unworried not to have these honours bestowed upon him. As one critic observed: "There are few who sound a less shrill note in the business of laughing at themselves."

Ewart went on performing on the poetry circuit right up until his last years. His recitations were memorable. The old-worldly drawl of his delivery contrasted strongly with the scabrous content of the works. He was also a children's writer, an anthologist and a prolific correspondent.

He leaves a widow, Margo Bennett, and a son and a daughter

THE REV BERNADETTE HINGLEY

The Rev Bernadette Hingley, priest, died of cancer in Birmingham on October 20 aged 47. She was born in Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire, on September 26, 1948.



ONE of the the original wave of Anglican women priests to be ordained, Bernadette Hingley was able to enjoy a full ministry of only just over a year. But she had had a long preparation for what proved to be a singularly fruitful parochial partnership with her husband, the Rev Robert (Bob) Hingley, in and around Birmingham.

Initially a lay member of the staff of Christ Church, Abingdon, she became in 1980 one of the first three women students to be admitted to Ripon College, Cuddesdon. The following year she became the first female member of staff there, lecturing in pastoral studies and helping the college to adjust to being a mixed community. Simultaneously, she was engaged in parish work in Slough and it was there that she met her future husband, whom she married in 1983. In 1987 she was made deacon and joined her husband as a non-stipendiary minister in his parish work at St Paul's, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, also serving as a chaplain at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She later moved with him, as his licensed curate, to the inner city Birmingham living of St Luke's, Bristol Street.

It was there that she was discovered to be suffering from cancer, a shadow that she in no way allowed to cloud her ordination as a priest at Birmingham Cathedral in May 1994. At times she had grown impatient with the long and often bitter debate over women's ordination within the Church of England but she seldom gave way to righteous anger and instead substituted for it her own sense of wry amusement. When the moment of decision finally came, she had absolutely no doubt about her desire for ordination, even though she was already gravely ill.

The third, and youngest, daughter of Sir Paul Bryan, former Conservative MP for the Howden division of the East Riding of Yorkshire, and of his first wife Betty, Bernadette Bryan was brought up in Yorkshire. But, from the age of nine, she was sent away to boarding schools, ending up at Benenden. The long illness of her mother, who finally died when she was 20, deeply affected her and may well have laid the roots of the spiritual dimension to her life.

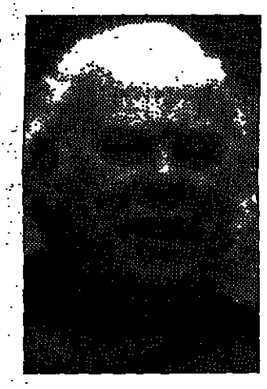
After a degree from Bedford College, London, two years' voluntary service in Cameroon and teacher-training at York University, she started teaching in Woodstock and attending the Evangelical church of St Aldate's, Oxford. She had felt, since her time in Cameroon, that her life should be devoted to Christian service but had not been able to see in what direction this should lie. A period, however, at the Low Church St John's College, Nottingham, clarified her mind and it was from there that she went to be a pastoral assistant in the team ministry at Abingdon. She took the first step towards her eventual ordination when she transferred from being a deaconess to becoming a deacon.

From the moment her cancer was diagnosed — leading to a long sequence of surgery, treatment and remission — her own attitude remained wholly positive. Even when she was in hospital, visitors who went to see her found themselves being comforted rather than the other way about. She had all the makings of being an exceptional pastoral minister.

Bernadette Hingley is survived by her husband and two young daughters.

WING COMMANDER JOHN ADAMS

Wing Commander John Adams, DFC, AFC, aviator, died on October 8 aged 84. He was born on August 31, 1911.



A HIGHLY experienced aviator, Wing Commander John Adams had one of the most illustrious flying careers of this century. During his time with the RAF and later as a commercial pilot in Australia he logged a remarkable 27,628 flying hours and flew more than 50 different types of aircraft. In 1946 he commanded a world record-breaking flight from London to New Zealand (previously held by Scott and Black who in 1934 made the journey in 10½ days). Adams and his co-pilot Flight Lieutenant Birdling flew a Lancastrian from Northolt airport in London to Ohaka, New Zealand, in just six days.

During the war he was entrusted with the responsibility of ferrying Churchill and members of his Cabinet. He won the DFC in 1940 for his tremendous determination and devotion to duty during the war when he flew in 27 major bombing attacks on targets in Norway, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium and France. In 1941 he was awarded the AFC.

Adams was born in Christchurch, New Zealand. It was his earliest ambition to fly although, he later said, in that time and place flying seemed about as unlikely an ambition as wanting to live on Mars. Fortunately his father was understanding. He opened his wallet when Adams reached the age of 16 to pay for lessons at the local aero club. Six and a half flying hours later Adams was able to go solo but, being so young, had to wait a further year until he was eligible for his licence.

Adams flew with the Canterbury Aero Club until 1935, but it soon became apparent that a career in flying did not lie in New Zealand. At the age of 21 he took a slow boat to England where he trained as a flying member of the RAF.

By the time the war broke out he was a flying officer and he was sent to the United States with a team of RAF pilots to carry out acceptance trials on American aircraft. There he was attached to the US Army Air Corps, being based at various airfields. During one of these postings at Columbia Field, South Carolina, he persistently practised short take-offs with maximum load until he had mastered the skill, and was then duly put on a secret assignment to train a team of American pilots. It was only after the successful bombing of Tokyo from aircraft carriers that he realised what the point of this assignment had been.

In 1942 Adams was transferred to RAF Ferry Command in Montreal, where he was entrusted with the responsibility for ferrying various aircraft, mainly to the Middle East and England. Among his passengers were Winston Churchill, as well as high-ranking military personnel.

The next year Adams was chosen as one of four New Zealand pilots to return to their homeland for a publicity campaign. It was the first time he had been back home for eight years — his mother teasingly chastised him for speaking as if he had a plum in his mouth. But he was delighted to return and stayed there for several months, flying around the war areas in the Pacific before being sent to San Diego to fly Catalinas and C47s to New Zealand.

At the end of 1944 Adams was transferred back to Montreal, again to Ferry Command at Dorval airport. There he met the New York model who was later to become his wife. Shortly afterwards he was sent back to England to join No 24 Squadron, where he was attached to the late King George VI's King's Flight. In March 1946 he made his record-breaking England to New Zealand flight.

It was at this time that Adams had to make an important decision. He understood that, if he remained in the RAF, he would become increasingly involved in executive duties. Instead, he resigned his commission as a wing commander to take up a position as chief pilot with the Zinc Corporation. Selecting his own aircraft and permanent crew, his job was to fly distinguished people all over the world. Churchill and his family were frequent passengers, and they became friends. Churchill was the godfather to his son, John Robert Winston.

Then in 1951 the Labour Government declared that it was unwarranted to have such a luxurious aircraft, and the plane was put up for sale. Australian National Airways bought it — and Adams went with it as part of the package. The rest of his career was spent in Australia, where he rose to the position of executive senior member of the flying section.

Adams stopped flying commercially in 1974, but continued piloting privately right up until his last illness.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM RAVENHILL

Professor William Ravenhill, Reardon Smith Professor of Geography, 1971-83, and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Exeter University, died on October 9 aged 75. He was born on December 30, 1919.

ABOUT as close to a polymath as it is possible to be in today's world of academic specialisation, William Ravenhill felt equally at ease whether in archaeological, historical or geographical circles. But it was within the community of historical cartographers whose work is suffused with a blend of humanistic scholarship and scientific analysis that, academically, he felt most comfortable.

No one knew more about the history of the "lotus land" of southwest England than he did and he pioneered the scholarly study of the history of cartography in Devon and Cornwall. His analysis of the geography of the Domesday Book was a seminal work and this, along with many published papers, including a series of articles written in association with the archaeologist Aileen Fox, provide a firm foundation for future scholarship. In 1965 he published his *Benjamin Donne: A Map of the County of Devon, 1765*, which was followed in 1972 by *John Norden's Manuscript Maps of Cornwall and its Nine Hundreds*. In his retirement he co-edited the *Historical Atlas of South West England*.

William Lionel Desmond Ravenhill, known to his colleagues as Bill, was born in Carmarthen. He won a scholarship to Carmarthen Grammar School and entered the University College of Aberystwyth in 1938 to read geography. His academic studies were interrupted in 1940 by the war, during which he served as a fighter pilot in Malta, Italy, Yugoslavia and Egypt. But after demobilisation he completed his degree and went on to take a diploma in education.

In 1948 Ravenhill was appointed to an assistant lectureship in the University College of the South West (later Exeter University) and was subsequently promoted to lecturer in 1951 and senior lecturer in 1962. His earliest researches concerned the Celtic origins of settlement in southwest England. In his MA thesis he went on further to analyse settlement in Devon and in his doctoral thesis explored how early settlement sites in Cornwall had contributed to modern settlement patterns.



He became Professor of Human Geography in 1969 and Reardon Smith Professor of Geography and head of department in 1971, which posts he held until his retirement in 1983. He was also Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies and served a full term as junior, and then senior, Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

Despite widespread expansion of higher education in the 1960s, the university had allowed its geography department to languish. But Ravenhill had a clear vision of the way in which he would like what he very much saw as his department to develop. He set off on the conference circuit to scout for young talent. No fewer than six of his then junior colleagues now hold professorial chairs — a testimony to his acumen.

But though he lived in Devon it was perhaps to Celtic Cornwall that Bill Ravenhill gave most. In 1970 an inspired liaison between Cornwall County Council and the University of Exeter saw the establishment in Redruth of the university's Institute of Cornish Studies. Ravenhill was its founder chairman and for almost two decades he defended its budget and encouraged its academic endeavours.

Ravenhill was as committed to national as he was to regional concerns. He served on the Social Science Research Council, the council of the Royal Geographical Society and the British Library Advisory Committee. He was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Even in his retirement he continued to pursue his interests, accepting the co-editorship of an *Historical Atlas of South-West England*, which reconstructs the geography of the region from the first appearance of man through to the present day.

Ravenhill is survived by his wife Mary.

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Judgment was given in the Westminster *County Court* yesterday in the cases of "Dann v. Curzon," the agreement being set aside as contrary to public policy and the two actions dismissed.

It will be remembered that the actions were against Mr Frank Curzon, theatrical manager and lessee—the first for £100 (£5 being abandoned for purposes of jurisdiction) by Mr. Thomas Lumley Dann, Press agent, of Hind-court, Fleet-street, for assisting to carry out by way of advertisement "a certain matinée hat incident" at the Prince of Wales' Theatre in April last: and the second by Mrs. Ethele Lumley Dann to recover 50 guineas for taking part in the "incident."

The defence was a denial of the agreement. The assault was also denied, and it was stated that any services in connexion with advertising were paid for in the salary of Mr. Dann as Press agent.

The Judge decided to consider his judgment on a point he raised himself—namely, whether the claims must fail on the ground that the agreement alleged was contrary to public policy, as it included the use of a Court of Justice for advertising purposes.

His Honour Judge Woodfall gave judgment as follows:-

In the early part of this year Mr. Dann was employed by the defendant as Press agent, and he suggested that it would be an excellent advertisement both for the theatre and for the defendant himself as manager, if the following scheme should be carried out. Two ladies and a gentleman were to be engaged—the ladies to occupy stalls and wear ultra-fashionable hats and the gentleman was to occupy a seat behind them. At the ringing down of the curtain on the first act the gentleman was to demand the removal of the hats. The ladies were to refuse, and the gentleman was to insist very audibly, and the defendant was to be sent for. The defendant was then to invite the trio into the corridor and demand that the ladies should leave the theatre or take off their hats. The ladies were to refuse, the defendant was to eject them by technically assaulting one of them by laying his hand upon her shoulder, and the ladies should then leave and summon the defendant for assault. The defendant was to claim the right to ask them to leave. He consented, and the scheme was carried out in every detail. The price of the seats was offered them at the theatre when they were asked to leave, or was ostensibly handed back to them, and, in pursuance of the plot, they proceeded to summon him for alleged assault. The magistrate heard the charge and dismissed it, holding that the defendant was justified in doing what he had done. The plaintiffs now alleged that the defendant agreed to pay them for their services in the carrying out of the adventure. I am of opinion that the agreement alleged is illegal, being contrary to public policy, and that no action is maintainable upon it, and this for two reasons:- (1) That the spectacle of two ladies being peremptorily and brusquely treated might well have aroused intervention on their behalf and have led to a serious breach of the peace; (2) that the invocation of a Court of Law to punish an offence which, to the knowledge of the parties, had not been even technically committed was in the nature of a fraud on the administration of justice. I therefore dismiss the two fictions and leave each party to pay their own costs.

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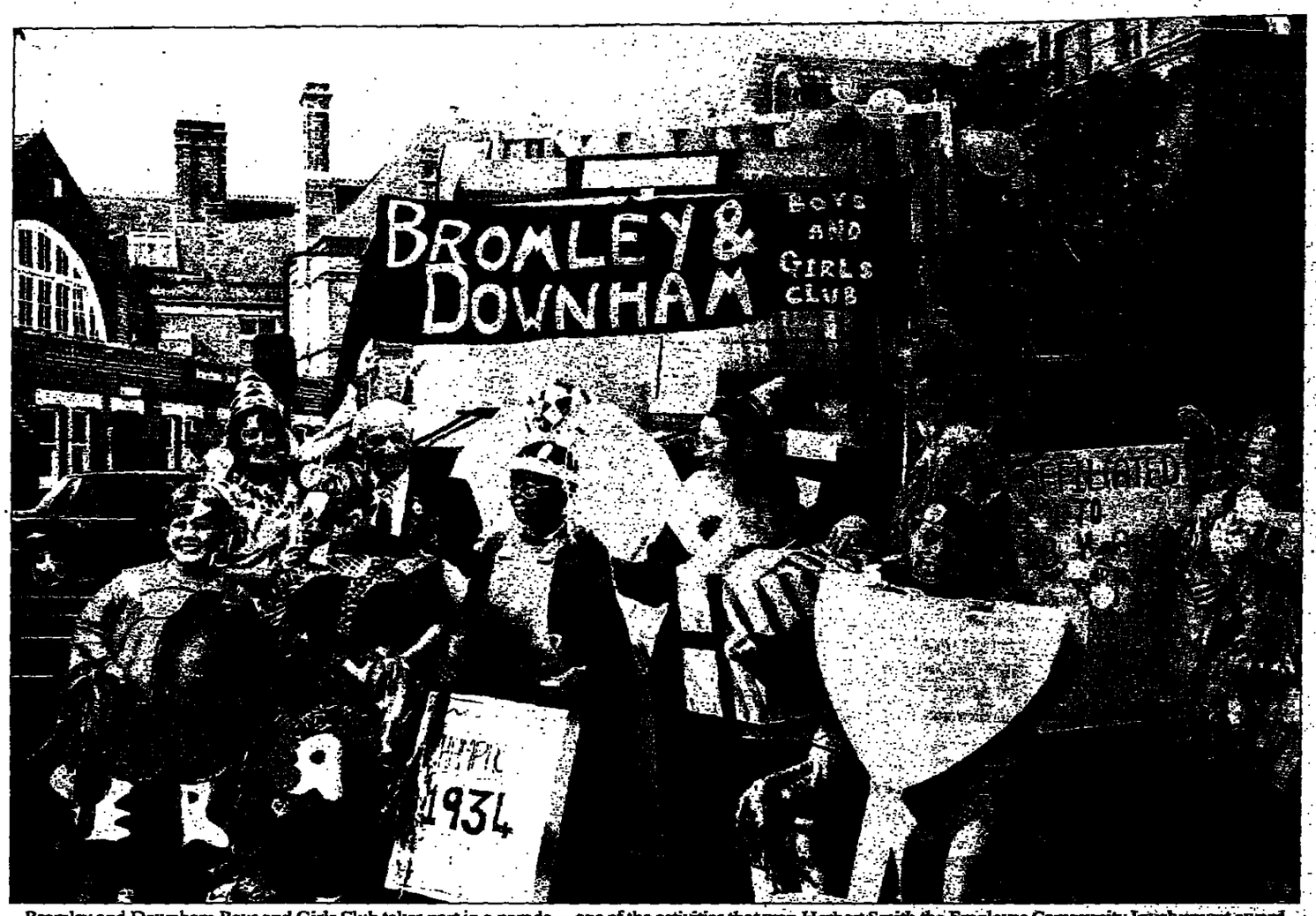
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In 1910 ladies' hats were not only large but often crowned by a confection of fruit and feathers; those seated behind them in theatres had their view of the stage restricted. In this incident designed to advertise a show a gentleman and two ladies were engaged; he was to complain about their hats and, after an altercation, the manager was to be summoned and ask the ladies to leave ... but it all ended in court.

John Young introduces a two-page report on the Dragon Awards for community initiatives undertaken by London-based businesses

Breathing the fire of life into deprived city areas

The awards will be presented to the sponsors of the winning enterprises tonight by Sir Christopher Walford, Lord Mayor of London, at a banquet



Bromley and Downham Boys and Girls Club takes part in a parade — one of the activities that won Herbert Smith the Employee Community Involvement award

If capitalism has a conscience, it might be said to be exemplified in the Dragon Awards. Now in their eighth year, they reflect the tentative but growing relationship between those who spend their working days within the glittering towers of the Square Mile and those who are struggling to improve the lot of others who live in deprived areas only a few minutes' drive away.

It has long been one of the capital's ironies that the City, the financial hub of Europe where vast fortunes are transacted hourly, should have as its immediate neighbours the London boroughs of Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Southwark, which are among the poorest not just in London but in Britain.

The 1980s, the heyday of Thatcherism, was a decade when corporate business was torn between exulting in its own success and an uneasy awareness that the boom was not benefiting everyone alike, that small businesses were struggling, communities fragmenting and tensions developing.

The impact of the Big Bang and the technological revolution had not been modified by the sort of Victorian philanthropy that mitigated the harsher aspects of the Industrial Revolution more than a century earlier.

In a move to correct the balance, the then Lord Mayor, Sir David Rowe-Ham, supported by several prominent City businessmen, held talks with Business in the Community, one of the Prince of Wales's favourite charities, which aims to encourage industrialists to become involved with their neighbourhood communities and to provide finance and expertise in establishing new ventures, particularly among the unemployed.

The result was the launch, in July 1987, with the Prince's support, of the Dragon Awards; their aim was to highlight, and give recognition to, some of the significant contributions that London businesses make to the improvement of community life and the enhancement of employment opportunities.

The attendant publicity would, it was hoped, encourage other uncommitted organisations to follow the example of those that had already seen the light.

Any community involvement initiative is eligible, including programmes for recruiting employees to work as volunteers; refurbishment and renovation projects; training programmes for the unemployed; partnership arrangements with schools and colleges; fundraising activities; and the improvement of social and recreational facilities.

The awards are directed at businesses, in other words the corporate sponsors of community projects, although voluntary organisations and charities are encouraged to nominate their benefactors.

This year's awards were divided into the following categories:

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING:**

For organisations working with schools, colleges, national education bodies, and training and enterprise councils, to help raise the motivation and achievements of young or disadvantaged people. A previous winner was the Burger King's Docklands Academy, which helps students who have dropped out or been excluded from school to return to education.

● **EMPLOYEE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

For organisations which have encouraged participation by their employees; such as involvement with local schools, help with fundraising activities, providing secondments and giving advice and assistance to community projects.

For example, BET, a previous winner, has established the Foyer initiative, which helps people with career advice, preparing CVs and how to behave at interviews.

● **ENVIRONMENT:**

For projects which both provide environmental benefits and have a direct effect on the local community. They may be based in natural or built environments, in either town or countryside, and must have contributed to landscape improvment, pollution control, energy conservation or education. In this category Barclays Bank have worked closely with Groundwork in encouraging local people to turn derelict, neglected and unsightly land around their homes into recreational areas.

● **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARD:**

For initiatives that have directly stimulated economic activity through support for the development of small enterprises in areas of inner-city stress and unemployment, or for work which results in the economic regeneration of local communities. A past award winner is Lehman Brothers which, in partnership with the Prince's Youth Business Trust, provides financial support for young people in Tower Hamlets with viable business projects but no other source of funding.

● **LONDON PARTNERSHIP AWARD:**

For initiatives in which a patnership or a consortium of companies have worked together for community benefit. Such a partnership led to the Brix at St Matthews, the conversion of a redundant church building in Brixton to provide a new multi-purpose community centre.

● **CITY FIRM AWARD:**

As its name suggests, a special award intended to recognise the achievements of firms based in the City of London, or engaged in the financial sector, which take part in community activities. An established example is that of Lovell White Durant, a firm of solicitors, which has trained many of its employees to provide individual literacy tuition to adults.

This year's awards focused particularly on City companies and financial sector institutions, and of the 92 entries received 34 were from the financial sector. The judges were the Lord Mayor; Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England; Lord Sheppard of Digemere, chairman of Grand Metropolitan; Nick Hardwick, chief executive of the Refugee Council; and Paul Corley, managing director of Carlton Broadcasting, which is closely associated with the awards.



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Case histories of the eight winning sponsors who receive awards and certificates for the wide-ranging projects profiled below

Special Certificate — Best Entry From a Small Business: Bioregional Charcoal Company presented a good example of an environmental project that is easily replicable and also produces new jobs.

The company is working with the World Wide Fund for Nature and B&Q to get local British charcoal from woodlands to local stores.

After organising two trials in B&Q stores in 1994, a national scheme was set up in 1995. The aim of the programme was to restore the working of ancient woodlands throughout Britain, to generate local, rural and urban employment in charcoaling and to reduce pressure on tropical forests by offering a locally produced, environment-friendly alternative.

The project has created additional income for 30 small woodland projects from Cornwall to Inverness; including woodland charities. It has also helped to restore management to neglected woods and created employment. Most importantly, it has offered a local alternative to tropical forest charcoal. The past decade has seen a big revival in British demand for charcoal, almost entirely the result of the popularity of domestic barbecues, but most of the 60,000 tonnes bought every year is imported.

The Bioregional Charcoal Company is a subsidiary of the Bioregional Development Group, a registered charity. Its director, Pooran Desai, believes that the charcoal industry's revival could restore thousands of acres of neglected woodlands.



UK charcoal produced at a woodland craft centre


School pupils studying European food help to prepare a buffet at a Whitbread hotel before writing up the project

Award Winner — Education & Training: The Whitbread Education Partnership programme was launched in 1991. In September 1994 it was given greater focus and branded "Brighter Futures". The aim is to help to secure, for all young people, the education, training and personal development opportunities they need.

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Whitbread works alongside parents, teachers, governors and other companies in wide-ranging activities that involve at least 1,500 initiatives. The programme's priorities are:

- Work Experience — for young people at all phases.
- Development of teachers through placements in business environments.
- Projects based on the national curriculum to reflect what happens in business and industry.
- Representation by Whitbread staff on business and education consultative groups and governing bodies.

Whitbread employs the equivalent of nine full-time employees to carry out the programme. For the year ending March 1995, an estimated 4,000 employees were involved. The company invests £600,000 a year.

Community Development: In December 1992, John Laing joined a partnership with Hackney Borough Council, east London, and a group of housing associations to undertake the regeneration of a 1960's housing estate.

It set up a construction training centre which in the past 20 months has provided 10,000 training weeks and 130 jobs; more than 100 trainees have attained NVG Level 2 qualifications.

The original target was to employ 10 per cent local labour, but the cumulative average has been more than three times that figure. Working with local schools, the company has provided on-site work experience, assisted with school projects, conducted site visits and made health and safety presentations in schools.

Tenants have been closely involved in the whole regeneration project, on issues ranging from planning and design to employment and training. Many of the staff working on the site are involved in local community activities and voluntary groups. Several are governors of local schools or are represented on the boards of bodies such as the Dalston City Partnership.

Dr Richard Simmons, chief executive of Dalston City Partnership, says the company has played a role that goes well beyond that of a normal building contractor, and has demonstrated its commitment to the partnership between public, private and voluntary sectors to regenerate Hackney.


Children at play on John Laing's Holly Street estate


Using a computer makes language-learning fun

Special Certificate — Best Entry Nominated by Voluntary Sector: ACE (Aiming for a College Education) is a five-year, £3 million, BP initiative to raise the education aspirations and attainments of young people. It aims to give a lasting boost to the numbers who continue their education and training after school-leaving age.

It also aims to develop new ways for employers to work on education and training issues in partnership with schools and local authorities, LECs and TECs, colleges and universities.

ACE has supported a substantial number of initiatives through three local programmes in London, South Wales and Scotland and every project has grown out of a local need. In each area there is a BP member of staff who is the ACE director and manages the regional programme.

BRITISH PETROLEUM

The ACE initiative encompasses many different programmes, including language and study skills, aimed at immigrants and refugees who were educated in their countries of origin and who wish to enter higher education in the UK, but need intensive English and advice before they can do so. Over the five-year programme, about 200 people have successfully progressed to higher education.

In addition, ACE offers mentoring, which gives the students regular contact with people from business; research including topics under exploration such as requirements for a unified 16-plus curriculum; and community marketing and events, initiatives to improve the flow of information about further and higher education and career choice into the community.

Successful initiatives are now moving on to a national stage where they are influencing the attitudes and aspirations of a far greater number of young people.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND

Environment: In May the Royal Bank of Scotland sponsored a project by the Groundwork organisation, entitled Spring Challenge. The scheme covered 20 locations. Its aim was to involve local communities in projects of social importance that also had an environmentally beneficial visual impact.

Each project involved Groundwork officials, bank staff and local residents. Altogether, more than 20,000 people took part.

The events varied in type and scale. In Cumbria, 1,500 people took part in a week-long Green Transport Challenge "to put the environment first when travelling". At the end of the week, certificates were awarded to schools, local groups and individuals judged to have made the greatest contribution.

In Hillingdon, west London, a group of children with special needs created a meadow at their school for use in teaching nature studies. In Camden, a community action day was organised to construct a public garden. The bank contributed £30,000 to the programme.


RBS helps at a village in bloom competition

Special award — City Firm Award: Swiss Bank Corporation initially seconded one member of staff to Business in the Community for a year in 1993, to pilot Roots & Wings Mentoring in the Community. This has been developed into a three-year rolling programme of one secondee a year.

Roots & Wings is designed to challenge perceptions and raise aspirations. The hope is that with the "roots" of confidence and self-worth, plus the "wings" of aspiration, each student will progress to great achievements.

Roots & Wings won two and a half years' funding for Deptford City Challenge on the basis of Swiss Bank Corporation's private sector leverage — £85,000 in the first year alone. Swiss Bank has continued to work closely with Deptford Green City Challenge and steering groups. Swiss Bank's support also helped to win extra funding from General Electric's Elfun Foundation.

Rudi Bogni, the chief executive of Swiss Bank, has undertaken career talks at Deptford Green School, providing financial support for the Homework Club and visiting the school.

Swiss Bank participated in the first pilot of Roots & Wings, with 17 mentors matched to selected pupils from Deptford Green School. After a year, teachers at the school noticed some key changes in the mentored pupils. Another Swiss Bank secondee headed a programme aimed at gaining other companies' support. By March this year, nine companies and 220 mentoring pairs were involved, 64 from Swiss Bank.

The Bromley by Bow Regeneration Initiative: The London Partnership's £4-million project is to regenerate a semi-derelict four-acre site adjacent to the Bromley by Bow Centre. The partnership of companies provided the resources for consultation, feasibility, design and construction plans, and legal and financial work.


Sculpture in the park: an armchair takes shape

The programme includes the building of a new community health centre which will be linked to existing activities. These include health, arts, fitness, education and community care programmes and training and enterprise. The initiative will also incorporate a refurbished park, formal gardens, performance area, playground, pool and under-fives area.

The partners involved are Royal Insurance Holdings, Linklaters & Paines, Sedgwick Group plc, Neville Russell & Co, Texaco Limited, Wyatt MacLaren, and Price Waterhouse.

HERBERT SMITH

Employee community involvement: A leading firm of City of London solicitors, Herbert Smith, has set up a community action programme to support a number of organisations both financially and through voluntary help by its staff.

It is described as an outstanding example of how a firm supports and encourages staff to become involved in different aspects of voluntary work, demonstrating commitment at all levels.

In 1992, at the request of Clerkenwell Citizens Advice Bureau, it began a review of the operation of the local law centre as demand for advice was outstripping the number of advisers.

There are now 32 advisers, both trainees and qualified solicitors, and a waiting list of volunteers. Herbert Smith have also provided stationery, books and periodicals, a fax machine and a computer.

For the past year staff have spent one night a week on behalf of the Spitalfields Crypt Trust, distributing soup to homeless alcoholics.

At the other end of the spectrum the firm helps to manage the London Federation of Clubs for Young People (see main picture on facing page), advising on accounts and on legal problems. There are at present ten volunteers working with five clubs, and new volunteers are recruited every six months. Herbert Smith have also made financial contributions totalling more than £5,000.

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Editors get younger but readers are older

John Diamond reports on a paradox for the marketers

Never mind his politics or his headlines: how *old* do you think the editor of your daily paper should be? A youthful go-getting, finger-on-the-pulse sort of age, perhaps? A middle-aged still-on-the-ball-but-with-an-eye-to-history man? Or a mature and temperate I've-seen-them-all-come-and-go-laddy type?

Fifty years ago this wasn't any sort of question. Newspaper editors were, in general, men who'd started at the bottom, worked their way up through the news desks and the lobby bar, seen action in the provinces, and, when they'd achieved a certain journalistic ripeness, been wheeled into Fleet Street and lifted gently into an editor's padded chair. When he took over the editorship of *The Sunday Times* in 1932 William Waite Hadley was 65: when he retired in 1950 he was 84.

My otherwise useless 1947 edition of *The Author and Writer's Who's Who* shows that most national newspaper editors were in their upper fifties or lower sixties and the only one to buck the elderly trend was the precocious Hugh Cudlipp, who, at 34, had already been editing *The Sunday Pictorial* for ten years. The average age of editors was more than 53.

The 1992 edition of *The Encyclopaedia of the British Press* shows that the average age of editors had dropped to a shade under 50. But less than a few years ago in 1986 the septuagenarian William Deedes was still running the *Telegraph* and the sixtysomething John Junor was at the helm of the *Sunday Express*.

And now? Last week the 38-year-old Charles Moore moved from *The Sunday Telegraph* to *The Daily Telegraph* and was replaced by the identically youthful Dominic Lawson.

In the past three years most of the broadsheets have been taken over by younger men — the 42-year-old Alan Rusbridger at *The Guardian*; his contemporary Andrew Jaspan at *The Observer*; the 43-year-old John Witherow at *The Sunday Times*; the 44-year-old Ian Hargreaves at the *Independent*, and the 45-year-old Peter Stothard at *The Times*. All have replaced older men: the only exception is Peter Wilby who, at 51, replaced the marginally younger Ian Jack at *The Independent on Sunday*.



W.W. Hadley, made editor at 65; Charles Moore, appointed at 38

What's odd about this is that the average age of editors is falling at about the same rate as the average age of readers is rising.

The readership of newspapers is getting older because young people don't read them as much as once they did. This would not matter were it not that young people are the ones with money to spend and thus the readers whose custom those who buy newspaper advertising space are keenest to attract. Develop a paper read exclusively by childless 28-year-old working men with beer to drink and cars to buy and you have the nearest thing to a money machine.

In some papers the attempt to tailor the product to the money-spending classes is merely crass: the *Daily Star*, for instance, is apparently now edited solely for those young enough to believe that hot news about Pamela Anderson should appear every day.

In other papers the attempt to attract the younger market is bizarre. Although *The Daily Telegraph*, for instance, is one of the few papers to be gaining younger readers — an increase of more than 5 per cent last year — the marketing men at Canary Wharf seem to have an odd idea of how far they can change their papers' profiles.

The Sunday title's current billboard advertising campaign seems aimed at the sort of people we called yuppies not so long ago, and when *The Sunday Telegraph Magazine* was launched last month its marketing department circulated potential advertisers with a very un-*Telegraph*-like CD-Rom which suggested that the paper's readership profile led an entirely *Mail on Sunday* sort of life.

The young don't shun individual titles because those papers have nothing to say to them, but because they consider the medium to be one that goes with work and mortgages and all the other trappings of maturity. Eventually, and when they're ready for it, they, too, will telephone the newsagents with a regular order.

Meanwhile, there are many of those who take papers for all the old reasons who find themselves bemusedly reading a press aimed at a middle-aged marketing executive's muddled idea of what youth is like. My guess is that that vision doesn't appeal to the young while managing to irritate the not-so-young.

And God alone knows what W.W. Hadley would make of it.



AP/STEPHEN SAVOIA

Everyone from Mr Clinton down claimed credit for an image that dominated press and TV. "Being President, he gets it," said his press secretary

Oh, what an image bite!

The Director of Production for Presidential Events triumphs again, says Martin Fletcher

This was the picture carried by most of the world's front pages yesterday and broadcast to every continent. It showed Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin sitting side by side in the sun outside President Roosevelt's old Hyde Park home in upstate New York. The American and Russian leaders were using the same wooden chairs in which FDR and Churchill plotted strategy in 1943, and gazed across the Hudson River at the spectacular autumn foliage on the hills beyond.

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words, but this one evoked more than half a century of history. This one, stunning image suggested a return to peace and harmony after the horrors of the Second World War and terrors of the Cold War.

The facts of Monday's summit were rather more prosaic. Clinton and Yeltsin failed to resolve deep disagreements over Nato's expansion and enforcing a Bosnian peace settlement. But the picture will be remembered long after the summit's substance — or lack of it — has been forgotten.

Few could now recall what Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev discussed at their 1985 Geneva summit, but the image persists of them sitting by a fireside as superpower relations finally began to thaw. So too does the picture of the same two men departing grim-faced from their 1986 Reykjavik summit having so nearly agreed to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

The White House was thrilled with the success of Monday's stage management, and Mike McCurry, the press secretary, joked that everyone from Mr Clinton down was claiming the credit. "Being President, he gets it," Mr McCurry swiftly added.

There is, in fact, no single presidential image-maker in this White House. Ronald Reagan had the incomparable Michael Deaver, who spent most of his waking hours dreaming up photo-opportunities for his boss. George Bush had a Las Vegas advertising man named Sig Rogich. Mr Clinton might have used his Hollywood friends Harry and Linda Thomasson had they not been tarnished by the "Travelgate" scandal. He relies instead on half-a-dozen "lead advance people" who scour sites for their picture-potential. "We dream and other people rein us in," observes one of them, Josh King, the 30-year-old Director of Production for Presidential Events.

In 1993 they had shrubbery cut away so Bill'n'Boris could be photographed gazing across the Pacific at their Vancouver summit. During the 1994 D-Day commemorations they had Mr Clinton pensively shuffling stones on a Normandy beach. Image-making "certainly doesn't occupy our Administration with the intensity of previous Administrations, but once in a while we see the value of pictures and good choreography," says Mr King.

Mr Clinton did indeed have the idea of holding Monday's summit at Hyde Park. He had visited the home of his great Democratic predecessor within weeks of his 1993 inauguration, and during his visit to Moscow for May's VE-Day celebrations he told aides it would be a good place to take Mr Yeltsin.

In September a team of White House "advance people" led by Mr King and Brady Williamson, a semi-retired Wisconsin lawyer, went up but it was pouring with rain and they scarcely looked outside the 35-room mansion. Two weeks ago the team returned. It was a beautiful day, the leaves were turning, and they instantly spotted what they had missed before. "The combination of sitting in the same chairs in the same spot (as Roosevelt and Churchill) made it what we Yanks would call a 'no brainer'," said Mr McCurry.

And so, on Monday, Mr Clinton greeted Mr Yeltsin with a bearhug as the Russian descended from his US military helicopter, led him up a dappled, tree-lined drive to the mansion's front door and, after showing him a few mementoes of Roosevelt's wartime relationship with Stalin, ushered him straight out the back.

In their moment of triumph Mr King and his colleagues had one last scare. As a battery of cameras focused on the two leaders a fly began buzzing around Mr Yeltsin and Mr Clinton tried to swat it. To Mr King's immense relief the picture of the two Presidents charting the course of history proved far more compelling to the world's picture editors than one of Mr Clinton apparently swiping Mr Yeltsin.

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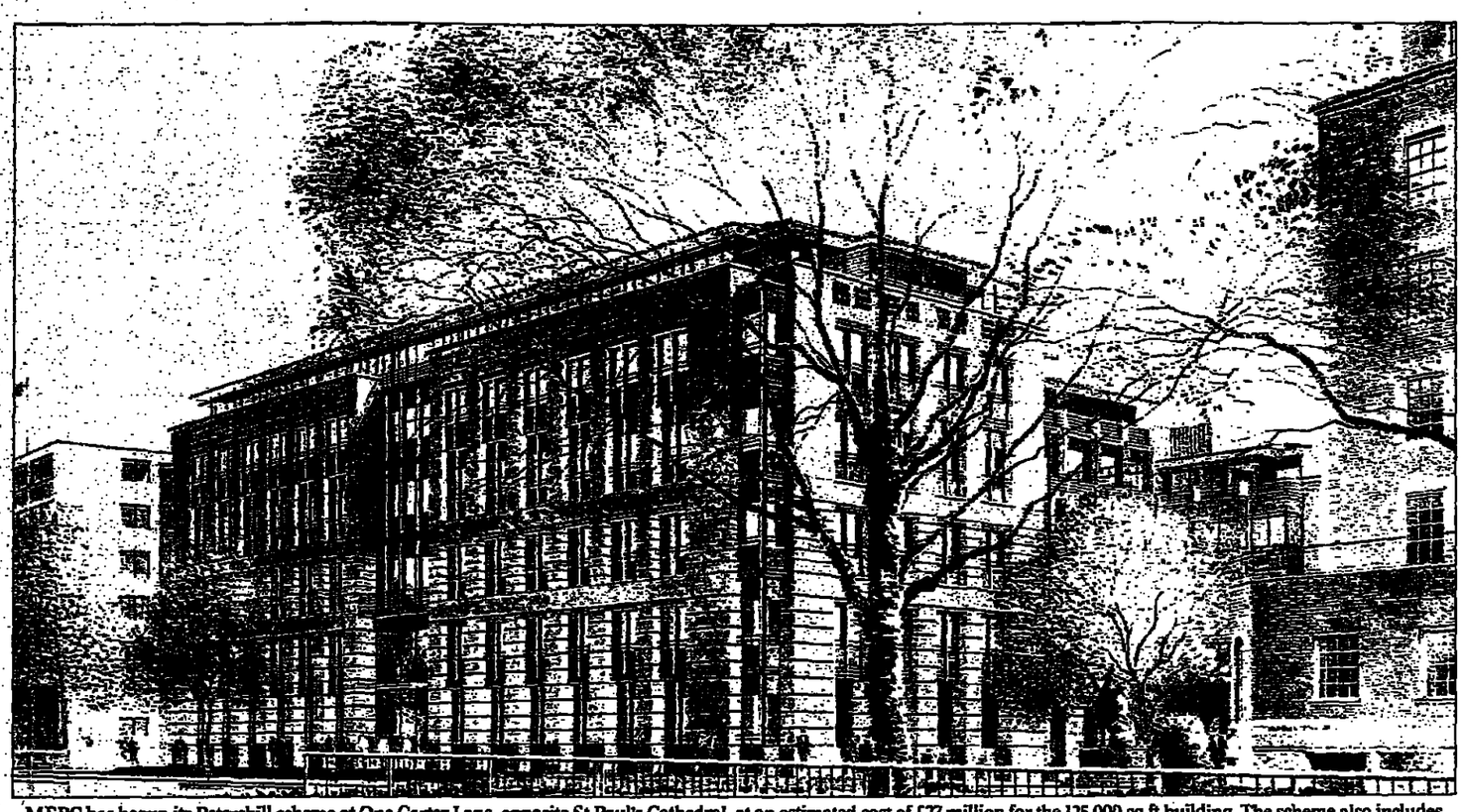
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Deals still ride on a seesaw

Christopher Warman says developers are pinning hopes on the recovery



MEPC has begun its Petershill scheme at One Carter Lane, opposite St Paul's Cathedral, at an estimated cost of £27 million for the 125,000 sq ft building. The scheme also includes One Old Change Court, Queen Victoria Street, which MEPC has sold for £9 million to Nissho Iwai Europe. The site will be developed as Nissho Iwai's London headquarters

The seesaw movement of the London property market as it tilts towards recovery continued in the third quarter of the year. The City's healthy momentum was balanced by flagging demand in the West End.

St Quintin's autumn reports show that office take-up in the West End and midtown markets has run well below the 1994 quarterly average. Total take-up in the year to September 1995, at 3.5 million sq ft, was 31 per cent lower than in the previous 12 months.

Demand in these areas is sluggish as the previously expected rental growth has failed to happen. New developments are therefore scarce. Only about 1.1 million sq ft of office space is under construction, of which 200,000 sq ft is due for completion by the end of 1995. This includes Great Portland Estates' 85,000 sq ft in Great Portland Street, London & Edinburgh Trust's 65,000 sq ft Knightsbridge scheme and Arcona's 33,000 sq ft Pall Mall development.

Peter Damesick, St Quintin's research head, said that tenant demand in the West End seemed to have moved in line with the slow pace of the national economy. He added: "The City market, on the other hand, continues to be driven more by the requirements of international financial occupiers."

St Quintin reports in the third quarter that there was a take-up of 1.3 million sq ft of good quality office space in core City locations. This was boosted by a large pre-letting, involving 350,000 sq ft at Winchester House, London Wall, to house Deutsche Bank/Morgan Grenfell's combined operation. The bank is taking an equity stake.

Mr Damesick said that further substantial pre-letting activity in the City was likely to follow. "The development cycle in the rest of the 1990s will be far more occupier-led than in the past," he said.

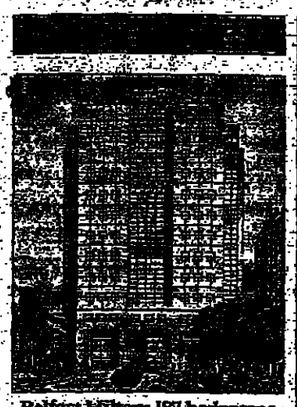
Citicorp has now made public its intention to acquire a building of 400,000 sq ft in the medium term. And the prospective requirements of other leading financial occupiers such as ABN AMRO Bank, Dresdner Bank, Schroders, Merrill Lynch and Swiss Banking Corporation suggest growing interest in pre-letting opportunities.

Knight Frank & Rutley's latest statistics confirm the upward trend in the City. Stephen Newbold, associate partner, commented: "Though take-up can show considerable volatility from one quarter to the next, the overall increase on 1994 levels is encouraging."

The vacancy rate for space in the City is gradually falling. Total supply now stands at 8.3 million sq ft, equivalent to an 8.8 per cent vacancy rate. In the City core, vacancy levels have fallen to 7.5 per cent, compared with 10.8 per cent in the City fringe.

The shortage of new, large units remains. Only five modern properties in the entire City market offer more than 100,000 sq ft for immediate occupation, and only one — Exchequer Court, St Mary Axe — is a self-contained new development in a central location. However, KFR says, speculative development completions, though low compared with the late 1980s, are due to increase from mid-1996.

Mr Newbold said: "City rental growth and construction levels in the late 1990s will also be influenced by the strategy adopted by the International Property Consortium towards the timing and scale of further development at Canary Wharf, which it acquired this month." The consortium hopes to complete the Canary Wharf deal before the end of the year. About a million sq ft of space is still to be let.



Belfast Hilton: 187 bedrooms

Boost for Belfast

HILTON International is to operate the new Belfast Hilton, a 187-bedroom hotel on the Laganbank site, which is being developed by a joint venture company formed by Ewart plc and the Ladbroke Group plc. Work should be finished by spring 1998. And BT, after a decision to centralise all its Belfast offices, is buying a 150,000 sq ft headquarters building. A concert-exhibition hall is already being built.

Craig Coren, a director of Colliers Erdman Lewis, which is advising Ewart on four remaining plots on the site, says: "Laganbank is the most significant development of its nature in Belfast, and probably in the whole of Northern Ireland." Investment at Laganbank now totals £100 million.

□ ARCADES, the first shopping centre in the UK developed by the Dutch company MAB, opens tomorrow already 75 per cent let.

To finance the 165,000 sq ft covered centre — in Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester — MAB devised a package of more than £30 million from its own and other Dutch sources. Joint letting agents are Donaldsons and Cheetham & Mortimer.

□ THE Yorkshire Electricity Group has been granted detailed planning approval to develop the first phase of a £60 million office scheme in Leeds. The scheme has a frontage to the River Aire and is five minutes' walk from the city centre. Phase I is a 50,000 sq ft building valued at more than £12 million. Future phases will provide space for up to a further 200,000 sq ft of offices. The Leeds-based Abbey Hanson Rowe Partnership is designing the building.

New hope for those forced to sell



THE system of compensation for compulsory purchase should be improved to give the occupier a better deal, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says in *Compensation for Compulsory Acquisition*, published this month.

Tony Chase, RICS compensation spokesman, says: "A fairer, more efficient system of compensation would bring economic benefits to the country by speeding up the construction of large infrastructure projects." A person whose property is compulsorily acquired should be compensated, he adds, not only for the value of the property, but also for any inconvenience. "Often," he says, "this is not the case."

The report recommends:

- That an additional allowance over and above market value be paid in all cases in recognition of the disruption and the often unquantifiable losses that compulsory purchase invariably involves.
- A supplementary allowance should be paid to the occupier of agricultural and business property when only part of his or her land is taken.
- Owner-occupiers should no longer be required to make efforts to sell their properties on the open market before being able to serve a blight notice, requiring the relevant authority to buy the property.
- The current rateable value limit, which prevents many commercial-property owner-occupiers from serving a blight notice, should be lifted.
- Investors as well as owner-occupiers should be able to serve a blight notice.

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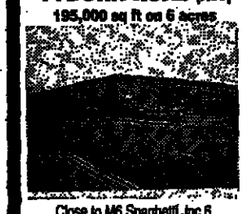
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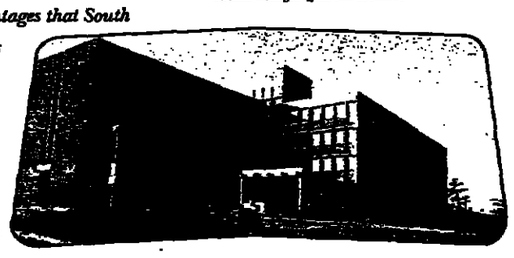
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NEWS

Synod ballot routs traditionalists

■ The Church of England has been taken over by liberals and *the traditional Catholic wing routed in the* battle for seats on the General Synod, according to early election results.

Church leaders believe the *vote could sound the death*-knell for Anglo-Catholicism on the governing body and traditionalists expressed fears for old Christian morality, the authority of scripture and the *Book of Common Prayer* ..... Page 1

Rebuke for EU commissioner

Frank assessments of many top figures in Europe yesterday led to a European Commissioner getting a rare public rebuke from her President, Jacques Santer. Ritt Bjerregaard, the Danish commissioner for the environment, gives the pen portraits in *The Commissioner's Diary*, a book describing her first six months in Brussels ..... Page 1

M&S salmonella alert

Marks & Spencer has withdrawn and destroyed more than 80,000 sandwiches after traces of salmonella were discovered at a factory ..... Page 1

Counsel at council

Staff at Cleveland County Council have been offered grief counselling to help them to get over the authority's abolition in six months ..... Page 1

Fillip for Major

John Major's gradual shift to the right on Europe and the economy *in his quest for a distinctive* platform on which to win the next election was endorsed by two of the Conservative Party's elder statesmen ..... Pages 2, 8

Prison attack

Two separate investigations were under way into an attack by the convicted killer Michael Sams on a woman probation officer in a top-security prison ..... Page 3

Care chief resigns

A county's head of social services has resigned after it was disclosed that he suppressed a report which claimed the "pindown" method of restraint was used in a children's home ..... Page 5

Police reject criticism

Police forces rejected allegations in a leaked report that officers on the beat were badly trained, inexperienced and poorly briefed ..... Pages 6, 16, 17

More tax cuts urged

Kenneth Clarke is to face demands from the Tory Right for £7 billion in tax cuts as he brings together senior ministers to resolve the wrangle over public spending in the run-up to the election ..... Page 8

Class sizes increase

The number of primary school children in classes of 36 or more has increased by 11 per cent in a year, government figures disclosed ..... Pages 9, 16, 17

Algerian terror base

Pamphlets circulating in London mosques are calling for the shooting of Westerners in Algeria, the murder of government officials, the hijacking of planes and the sabotage of peace talks to end the civil war ..... Page 10

France cuts tests

France will probably carry out four more undergound nuclear explosions in the South Pacific, two fewer than planned, President Chirac said ..... Page 10

Wu accuses bank

Harry Wu, the Chinese-American human rights activist, accused the World Bank of helping Peking to maintain its "gulag" of forced labour camps ..... Page 12

Catalogue of UN fraud

The United Nations' new inspector-general issued an unprecedented report on widespread *waste and fraud* ..... Page 13

Patients toast good health at surgery

■ A glass of wine and a meal will be available as well as a prescription at the first health centre to obtain a drinks licence. Dr Paul Slade, the licensee, emphasised that drink would be served only with food at the surgery's coffee shop, called the Spoonful of Sugar. "There is no question of patients getting tablets and washing them down with a swift half" ..... Page 3

RUSSELL SACH



Members of the Cottesmore Hunt at their opening meet at Preston Lodge, near Oakham, Leicestershire, yesterday

BUSINESS

Prudential: Britain's largest life insurer is seeking a licence to become a bank so it can offer direct telephone banking ..... Page 25

Lloyd's: A High Court judge ruled that Lloyd's agents could forcibly collect up to £300 million in cash from several thousand names who have refused to pay their debts to the insurance market ..... Page 25

Economy: Manufacturing industry has suffered a sharp slowdown in expansion which seems set to continue, according to a CBI businesssurvey ..... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 3.8 points to close at 3535.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 83.5 to 83.6 after an increase from $1.5808 to $1.5817 and from DM2.1899 to DM2.1935 ..... Page 28

SPORT

Cricket: England opened their tour of South Africa with a 112-run victory over Nicky Oppenheimer's XI. Alec Stewart, in his first innings for three months, scored 74 ..... Page 48

Rugby: London Broncos are to play three Stones Championship rugby league fixtures at Harlequins' rugby union ground, within 400 yards of Twickenham ..... Page 48

Football: Television negotiations reached an impasse, with the FA refusing to extend a deadline for the Football League to accept a deal worth £118.5 million ..... Page 48

Racing: Halling, the leading European contender, will be given a drug that is believed to enhance performance before running in the Breeders' Cup at Belmont Park on Saturday ..... Page 45

Film extravaganza: Geoff Brown is your guide to the delights — and the dross — among the 192 feature films at the thirty-ninth London Film Festival, which opens next week ..... Page 37

Best of the Bard: A new look for the Bard on the box, as BBC Television tries a different approach in its adaptation of Shakespeare's *Henry IV* ..... Page 37

Theatre return: A revival of Robert Bolt's *Vivat! Vivat Regina!*, starring Janet McTeer as Elizabeth I, brings audiences back to the half-forgotten Mermaid Theatre in London ..... Page 38

Young at art: Barbara Young is proving you are never too young to learn about music, even if you are a newborn baby ..... Page 39

Headline-grabbing fashion: Ignore the tantrums and bad behaviour at London Fashion Week, *says Iain R. Webb* — there were some great *clothes on show* ..... Page 14

Pride and passions: Rachel Kelly on Colin Firth's smouldering portrayal of Fitzwilliam Darcy, which has turned him into the nation's heart-throb ..... Page 15

Bill 'n' Boris show: Martin Fletcher tells how the White House manufactured the image of Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin that was shown around the world ..... Page 22

Emerald envy: The prospect of a durable peace is luring country house buyers back to Ireland, Rachel Kelly reports ..... Page 41



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■ FILMS
Geoff Brown reviews Nicole Kidman in *To Die For*, plus the week's other new releases

■ BOOKS
Rachel Cusk on the *posthumous* verse novel of Anthony Burgess

There is plenty the UN can and ought to do to put its cluttered house in order. The real problem with the UN isn't the UN, however. It is the US, and its refusal to exert any leadership in the world
— The Wall Street Journal

Peacekeeping in Bosnia is not a test case for Nato expansion. It is still far from clear that expansion of a cold-war military alliance is necessary, to consolidate democracy and market economics in Central Europe today *— The New York Times*

Preview: Nick Berry exchanges his squeaky clean *Heartbeat* image for that of an amoral photographer in the drama pilot *Paparazzo* (ITV, 8.30pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss has seldom seen *anything so stupid as PAccuse*'s diatribe against natural *history programmes* ..... Page 47

On the beat

Above all, it must be made more attractive for policemen to stay on the beat ..... Page 17

When in Rome

Politics, sent on sabbatical last January, has returned to Rome in vengeful mode ..... Page 17

Darkness at noon

Government by galactic constellation is indeed unusual, but not wholly unknown even in the West: Nancy Reagan also planned her husband's diary according to the zodiac ..... Page 17

PETER RIDDELL

John Major's strategy received the endorsement of the two leading educated gentlemen of the Tory party — the library rather than the saloon bar wing ..... Page 8

SIMON JENKINS

Mr Major already runs every prison in the land, every hospital, every motorway, every railway, every jobcentre, every training council. He is set on running every police force, every university, every town, and on this week's form almost every charity. Now he wants to run every school ..... Page 16

P.A.J. WADDINGTON

Crime-fighting is by no means all that the public call upon the police to do. In three years' research, I found that only a quarter of all calls to the police were reports of clear-cut crimes ..... Page 16

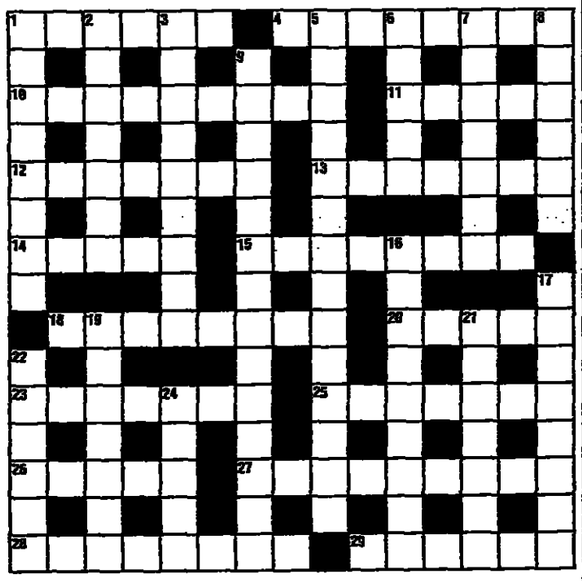
SIMON BARNES

There are no excuses for the sending-off of Matthew Le Tissier, but there are reasons, and no person of spirit can fail to feel sympathetic to them ..... Page 44

Gavin Ewart, poet; Wg Cdr John Adams, aviator ..... Page 19

Accountability for prisons; plan to "nationalise" state schools; changing the clocks ..... Page 17

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,995



ACROSS

1 Change into suit (6).
4 I am permitted to accept money, that's understood (8).
10 Impressed by a number of points in connection with the business (9).
11 In a quite normal voice (5).
12 A quid a month brought in by Indian (7).
13 Many men put out about end of affaire (7).
14 Taken in school – oral (5).
15 Stretch in solitary for concealing gun after completion of crime (8).
18 Gold from the mint (5-3).
20 Speaking of Christmas, I'll provide for the next generation (5).
23 U.S.A. gold rebuilt island capital (7).
25 Pitman's books about deity (7).
26 In the autumn London yuppy heads for the country (5).
27 It helps in shooting deer – a lot (9).
28 Other people catch trains, in the main (3,5).
29 Sails finally subside to deck (6).

DOWN

1 Bishop smuggled guerrilla's arms (8).
2 In Manila, leading man jumps into bed (7).
3 Principal bottles up rebuke to a pupil appearing early (9).
5 Doting mum keeps on, and I reach a decision (4,2,4,4).
6 Stop rent increase (3-2).
7 A note; formerly, it was a crotchet (7).
8 Where kings are seated and unseated, by the sound of it (6).
9 Abandoned wife – send her eau de Cologne – a valediction (3,11).
16 Composite set comprises several games (9).
17 Pear-tree could make a come-back (8).
19 Keen, outstanding person turned up and dined (7).
21 Honourable and noted music-maker (7).
22 A bank out of touch (6).
24 Better counsel wife to leave (5).

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,994

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☐ **General:** sunny spells but some showers. Western England and Wales will have sunny intervals and blustery showers, heavy in places. Showers will extend eastwards during the day becoming more scattered, with parts of eastern England staying dry and seeing the best of the sunshine.

Early rain over northern Scotland will clear northwards through the morning, becoming brighter. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers, heavy at times. More general cloud will follow in the afternoon with persistent rain later. Further east there will be bright or sunny spells and scattered showers, but these should die out later.

☐ **London, Central S, Central N, SE England, E, W Midlands:** scattered showers, otherwise bright or sunny spells. Wind southwest, moderate or fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **E Anglia, NE, E England:** mainly dry with sunny spells. Wind southwest fresh or strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man:** showers, some bright or sunny spells. Wind southwest, fresh or strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** scattered showers, otherwise sunny spells. Wind southwest, fresh to strong. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** showers, heavy at times. Increasingly cloudy with persistent rain later. Wind southwest, strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rain clearing northwards, becoming brighter. Wind southwest, strong. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain edging into the northwest on Thursday and clearing southeastwards on Friday.

AROUND BRITAIN

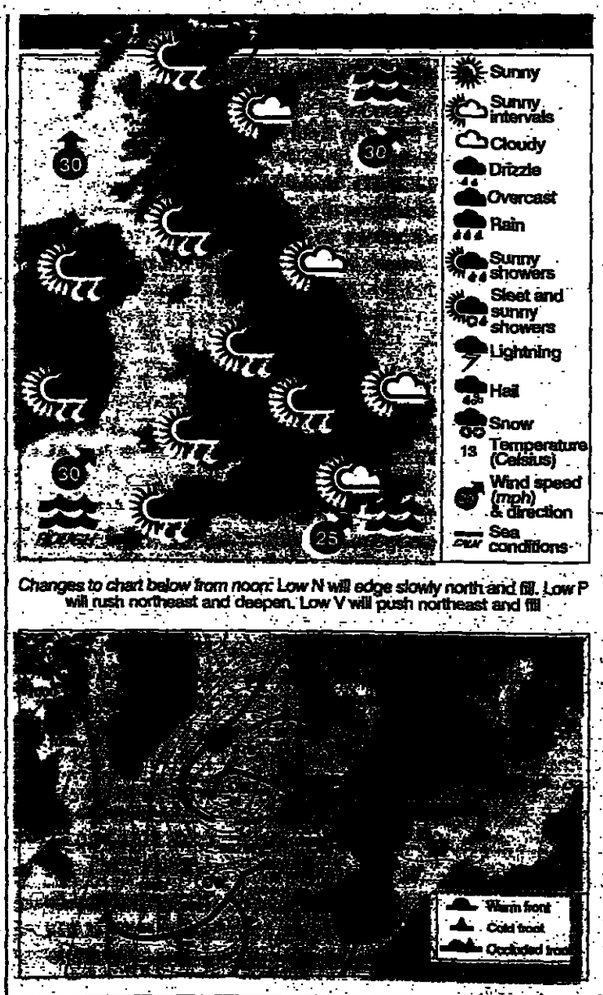
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; dr=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	
Aberdeen	2.3	0.02	15	59	r	London	6.7	-	19	66	s
Anglesey	0.1	0.31	17	63	r	Lowestoft	7.0	-	17	63	s
Aspatria	1.2	0.02	19	66	r	Manchester	3.9	-	19	66	b
Aviemore	1.5	0.03	16	61	r	Margate	8.6	-	18	64	s
Belfast	-	0.88	16	61	r	Minehead	2.5	0.63	18	64	r
Birmingham	2.9	0.02	19	64	r	Morecambe	1.1	-	19	66	r
Bognor R	6.9	-	19	66	s	Newcastle	4.0	-	19	66	s
Bournem'th	2.6	0.01	18	64	sh	Newquay	X	-	-	-	-
Bristol	-	0.13	18	64	r	Norwich	7.5	-	-	-	-
Buxton	4.4	0.02	15	59	s	Nottingham	X	-	-	-	-
Cardiff	0.1	0.20	17	63	r	Oxford	1.7	-	17	63	b
Clacton	8.2	-	15	59	s	Penzance	X	0.48	16	61	gS
Colwyn Bay	X	-	-	-	-	Plymouth	-	1.17	16	61	r
Cromer	8.2	-	19	66	s	Poole	2.5	-	19	66	c
Dunbar	X	-	-	-	-	Prestatyn	X	-	19	66	r
Eastbourne	7.6	-	18	64	s	Ross-o-wye	1.7	0.07	17	63	r
Edinburgh	0.8	-	19	66	r	Ryde	X	-	-	-	-
Eskdalemuir	0.2	0.16	16	61	r	Salcombe	0.1	0.42	17	63	r
Exmouth	0.2	0.30	17	63	r	Sandown	3.8	-	18	64	b
Falmouth	-	0.09	17	63	gS	Saunton Snd	1.0	0.20	19	66	r
Fishguard	-	1.31	15	59	r	Scarboro'	8.2	-	19	66	s
Folkestone	8.5	-	18	64	s	Sherkfin	4.2	-	18	64	s
Glasgow	-	0.29	17	63	r	Shrewsbury	0.8	-	18	64	r
Guernsey	X	-	-	-	-	Skegness	X	-	-	-	-
Hastings	7.8	-	18	64	s	Southend	X	-	-	-	-
Hayling I	5.5	-	18	64	s	Southport	-	0.01	16	61	sh
Herne Bay	8.5	-	19	66	s	Southsea	3.8	-	18	64	s
Hove	5.3	-	18	64	b	St. Ives	X	-	-	-	-
Hunstanton	8.1	-	19	66	s	Stornoway	-	0.60	15	59	r
Ilfracombe	X	-	-	-	-	Swanage	1.4	0.01	19	66	r
Isle of Man	-	0.09	16	61	r	Teignmouth	0.2	0.48	17	63	r
Jersey	5.6	-	19	66	b	Tenby	2.5	0.54	17	63	r
Kinloss	1.0	-	18	64	c	Tiree	-	0.67	14	57	r
Leeds	4.0	-	19	66	b	Torquay	-	0.38	17	63	r
Lerwick	-	0.09	12	54	r	Tynemouth	X	-	-	-	-
Leuchars	0.1	-	17	63	r	Ventnor	5.1	-	19	66	b
Littlehmptn	6.5	-	19	66	s	West-s-mere	X	-	-	-	-
Liverpool	1.6	-	18	64	r	Weymouth	X	0.04	18	64	r

ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	s	Corfu	19	66	s
Alicant	25	77	s	C'phagn	13	55	s
Alex'dria	25	79	s	Dublin	15	59	r
Algiers	24	75	s	Dubrovnik	19	66	s
Amst'dm	18	64	s	Faro	23	73	f
Athens	14	57	r	Florence	18	64	s
B Aires	27	81	f	Frankfurt	16	61	s
Bahrain	30	86	s	Funchal	23	73	f
Bangkok	31	88	s	Geneva	12	54	c
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	21	70	s
Barcelona	19	64	f	Helsinki	9	48	c
Beirut	25	77	s	Hong K	28	82	f
Belgrade	14	57	s	Innsbruck	16	61	s
Berlin	15	59	s	Istanbul	12	54	r
Bermuda	-	-	-	Jeddah	34	93	s
Biarritz	23	73	f	Jo'burg	18	64	f
Borde'x	21	70	f	Karachi	-	-	-
Brussels	19	66	s	L Angeles	24	75	s
Budapst	12	54	s	L Palmas	28	70	s
Cairo	30	86	s	La Toquet	19	66	s
Cape Tn	14	57	r	Lisbon	19	66	r
Ch'church	15	59	s	Locarno	14	57	s
Chicago	21	70	s	Luxembg	16	61	s
Cologne	18	64	s	Luxor	34	93	s
Madrid	15	59	f
Majorca	22	72	f
Malaga	21	70	f
Malta	21	70	s
Melb'rne	14	57	c
Mexico C	22	72	s
Milan	16	61	s
Montreal	15	59	-
Moscow	6	43	f
Munich	14	57	s
N Delhi	26	79	s
N York	24	75	s
Nairobi	24	75	f
Naples	20	68	s
Nice	19	66	f
Oslo	12	54	c
Paris	21	70	s
Peking	19	66	s
Perth	28	82	s
Prague	9	48	s
Reykjavik	3	37	c
Rhodes	19	66	s
Rio de J	24	75	f
Riyadh	34	93	s
Rome	20	68	s
S Pl'aco	19	66	s
S Paulo	-	-	-
Salzburg	15	59	s
Santiago	25	77	s
Seoul	16	61	f
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	11	52	f
Stras'rg	16	61	s
Sydney	16	61	c
Tangier	25	77	f
Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Tenerife	27	81	f
Tokyo	21	70	c
Toronto	15	59	s
Tunis	22	72	f
Valencia	21	70	f
Vanc'ver	9	48	r
Venice	16	61	s
Vienna	11	52	s
Warsaw	13	55	s
Washton	22	72	s
Wellington	13	55	s
Zurich	8	46	c

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available



Changes to chart below from noon: Low N will edge slowly north and fill. Low P will rush northeast and deepen. Low V will push northeast and fill

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2:04	7.29	2:26	7.52	Leith	2:45	5.85	3:07	5.91
Aberdeen	1:28	4.52	1:53	4.48	Liverpool	11:35	9.85	11:54	10.00
Avonmouth	7:31	13.73	7:52	13.87	Lowestoft	9:44	2.79	10:11	2.81
Belfast	11:13	3.43	11:35	3.58	Manchstr	0:14	4.53	0:28	5.00
Cardiff	7:29	12.22	7:45	12.31	Milford Haven	6:27	7.36	6:47	7.42
Devonport	6:11	5.57	6:31	5.69	Newquay	5:19	7.08	5:37	7.18
Dover	11:11	6.97	11:31	6.92	Obart	5:59	4.10	6:11	4.21
Dublin	11:50	4.23	--	--	Penzance	4:58	5.65	5:14	5.87
Falmouth	5:16	5.27	5:36	5.37	Portland	7:12	2.29	7:31	2.21
Glasgow	10:23	3.77	1:04	4.56	Portsmouth	11:44	4.84	--	--
Harwich	--	--	0:16	4.22	Stornoway	11:39	6.55	11:54	6.61
Holyhead	10:32	5.86	10:58	5.91	Southampton	11:04	4.82	11:28	4.94
Hull	6:30	7.90	6:54	7.73	Stranraer	6:36	5.87	6:55	5.94
Ilfracombe	6:15	9.81	6:34	9.81	Swan	3:48	5.62	4:12	5.63
King's Lynn	6:30	7.08	6:51	7.08	Wilton-on-Nze	--	--	0:06	4.61

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Sun rises: 6.41 am — Sun sets: 4.48 pm
Moon sets: 5.43 pm — Moon rises: 8.07 am

London 4.46 pm to 6.43 am
Bristol 4.59 pm to 6.52 am
Edinburgh 4.49 pm to 7.06 am
Manchester 4.52 pm to 6.56 am
Penzance 5.12 pm to 7.01 am

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25 1995

Insurer takes on traditional home loan providers in fight for market share

Pru to offer telephone banking



Davis: "low-cost operation"

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Prudential is to enter retail banking, offering deposit and home loan services by telephone as a rival to banks and building societies.

The UK's largest life insurance and investments group is seeking a banking licence and plans to spend £70 million over the next two years on equipment, offices and staff training.

The move highlights the increasingly aggressive and competitive nature of the UK financial services market, as banks, building societies and insurance companies battle for market share.

The announcement was made just four days after City regulators decided not to take disciplinary action against the Pru over its controversial approach to selling personal pensions, after an 18-month investigation.

The Pru has appointed Michael Harris, former chief executive of First Direct, Midland's telephone banking operation, to head its banking operations. Mr Harris set up First Direct but left Midland in 1991 to become chief executive of Mercury Communications, the phone operator owned by Cable and Wireless.

Peter Davis, chief executive, said: "We think this is the best way of being competitive in the mortgage and deposit-taking business for us." He said the use of the telephone linked to computers gave the Pru a low-cost operation which, linked into its 6,500-strong salesforce, would enable it to build market share.

He said the Pru has been handing over £1 billion to building societies and banks each year "free of charge". He said the building societies and banks were all *setting up life companies*."We are becoming a bancassurer," he said.

The move does not necessarily mean the Pru has abandoned ambitions to buy a building society. But the new telephone and postal deposit-taking and mortgage service was "the right thing for our customers at the moment," said Mr Davis.

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He added that if the Pru were to make an acquisition, the most likely target would be a life company, as "we want to take a leading role in the changes that are taking place in our business now". The firm has already gone some way towards simplifying its UK structure with the merger of its two retail insurance operations.

Analysts said that from shareholders' point of view, it was more cost-effective for the Pru to set up a deposit-taking and mortgage lending operation than to buy a building society. It can tap the market of maturing life policies — £1 billion a year in maturing policies is placed on deposit with banks and building societies — and match them with the demand from its customers for mortgages.

The Pru has more than six million customers in the UK, although Mr Davis refused to say, for competive reasons, how many policies mature each year.

Its sales staff arrange about £700 million worth of mortgages a year, suiting them to customers' particular circumstances, with a panel of lenders that include Halifax, NatWest, Bradford & Bingley, Cheltenham & Gloucester, Dunfermline, Bank of Scotland and Western Trust.

The Pru is following in the footsteps of Scottish Widows and Direct Line which have both obtained deposit-taking licences this year.

Mr Davis said the Pru had not considered the acquisition of a centralised mortgage lender. "We know exactly what we want to do. We want to set up a low-cost, very efficient operation. We do not want to take on anybody else's problems," he said.

The Pru is still waiting for formal approval from the Bank of England for a deposit-taking licence. It has held talks with the Bank and hopes to begin operating its banking business at the end of next year.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3535.3	(+3.8)
Yield	4.0%	
FT-SE A All share	1738.3	(+0.49)
Nikkei	18014.25	(–141.99)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4771.74	(+16.26)*
S&P Composite	585.75	(+0.69)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¹¹/₁₆%*	(5⁵/₈%)
Long Bond	108⁵/₃₂*	(108¹¹/₃₂)
Yield	6.37%*	(6.40%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⁵/₁₆%	(6⁵/₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	104³⁰/₃₂	(104²³/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5815*	(1.5792)
London:		
$	1.5795	(1.5795)
DM	2.2004	(2.1840)
FFr	7.7270	(7.7070)
SFr	1.7942	(1.7746)
Yen	158.71	(157.40)
£ Index	83.6	(83.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.3868*	(1.3880)
FFr	4.8723*	(4.8865)
SFr	1.1300*	(1.1285)
Yen	100.20*	(99.95)
$ Index	92.6	(92.4)

Tokyo close Yen 100.05

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$15.95	($15.85)

GOLD

London close	$382.65	($382.85)

* denotes midday trading price

CBI survey sounds a warning on economy

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders said yesterday that a fall in UK orders and in business confidence for the first time for more than two years was a warning about the slowdown of the UK economy.

Though they insisted that the slowdown does not suggest the start of a recession in manufacturing, industry leaders acknowledge privately the risk that other key business indicators could start to fall over the next six months as demand slackens.

Leaders of the Confederation of British Industry said there was no need for any policy shift by the Government on the basis of the findings of the CBI's latest quarterly industrial trends survey, though they suggested that the next move in interest rates should be downward — though not immediately.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, should instead await the impact on the financial markets of the Budget, they said. City analysts suggested that the slowdown offered sufficient grounds for rates to be cut.

The *survey of more than* 1,100 manufacturing companies, covering 2 million employees and accounting for about half of the UK's manufactured exports, showed that domestic order books shrank in the three months to October. A balance of 3 per cent of companies — those reporting a decrease in orders against those recording a rise — said that UK orders had fallen for the first time since April 1993. Export orders were still rising, though at a less rapid rate, of a balance of 11 per cent. That was enough to maintain an increase in total new orders — though the balance of 4 per cent of companies reporting a *rise marked the slowest rate* for two years.

Confidence also fell, with the balance dropping from minus 3 to minus 11 per cent. This is the sharpest rate of decline since October 1992.

Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barclays Bank and the CBI's economic affairs committee, said: "The slowdown in growth indicated by the survey results is a warning signal, but does not warrant over-reaction." He insisted that the conditions for medium-term economic growth remained in place, adding: "Here is a slowdown — but the economy is still growing. So don't let's talk about recession."

Privately, CBI leaders accept that there is a risk that the confederation's next two quarterly surveys over the coming six months could see a number of other indicators, including output and total orders, dip into negative figures. They believe that the downturn in UK orders, probably reflecting high stock levels, could lead to further falls in domestic demand this year, and that *the fall in orders could further* depress confidence.

The CBI acknowledged that there was a considerable "disappointment gap" between members' expectations and outturn. A CBI economic summary yesterday acknowledged this, saying that "the extent of the slowdown in manufacturing activity was not fully anticipated — particularly over the last four months."

Whitehall officials maintained that the findings of the survey were in line with sustainable economic growth, but Andrew Smith, Labour's Shadow Treasury Chief Secretary, said: "Evidence from business and the real economy is mounting up to a vote of no confidence in the Government's economic policy."



In the bag: Clive Sharpe, left, and Ian Taylor, of Legal & General, the backers, celebrate after sealing their deal

Managers' Golden Wonder

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

GOLDEN WONDER, the crisps and pot noodles company, has been bought by its management in a deal worth £68 million.

The sale by Dalgety was clinched yesterday after a team led by Clive Sharpe, chief executive of Golden Wonder, paid £54.6 million for the business with an agreement to invest £13.4 million of working capital.

Dalgety has been looking to sell the business for some time as it has shifted out of consumer foods after the purchase of Quaker's European Petfoods. But buyers for the snacks business, which has 2,100 employees at four sites, have proved scarce.

Mr Sharpe said: "Golden Wonder has a proud past and an equally promising future."

In the year to the end of June, Golden Wonder snack sales totalled £150.7 million.

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Panel beating

The Government has rejected calls for an overhaul of the system under which Britain's utilities are regulated. The Government says that use of a regulatory panel, rather than a single director-general, "would be likely to slow the regulatory process".
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Dollar bill

Anthony Harris looks at the implications of the near-perfect $100 bill forgeries for the performance of the American currency. Foreign demand for American dollars is already falling markedly.
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Green bid for O&R set to fail

ATTEMPTS by Philip Green, the flamboyant former head of Amber Day, to rescue Owen & Robinson look set to fail after landlords to several of the retailer's stores refused to take back leases (Sarah Bagnall writes).

The listed company's collapse would leave little prospect of shareholders receiving any money. The shares were suspended in July at 16p, compared to an all-time high of 782p in May 1991.

Attempts to save Foothold, O&R's sportswear retailing arm and principal asset, from collapse are now underway. It is unlikely that Alan Gaynor, chief executive, and Richard Knight, finance director, will have their contracts renewed when they expire later this week. Mr Green holds £6 million of O&R's debt and 15.5 per cent of its equity.

DTI to investigate bloodstock group

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Department of Trade and Industry is to launch an inquiry into the affairs of Classic Bloodstock, the racing investment group that raised £3.2 million from 6,500 investors.

The DTI, which has wide-ranging legal powers to ultimately close down companies or have individual directors barred from holding office, said: "It is not our policy to confirm of deny whether we are investigating a company."

David Pipe, a director of the Jockey Club, racing's governing body, said last night: "We will await the result of any DTI investigation. We are aware of the concerns expressed about this company by investors."

Investors in Classic Bloodstock, which has been fined £1,000 by Companies House for the late filing of its first report and accounts, have in particular been concerned that the company spent £800,000 in marketing the company and raising the initial £3.2 million. The company is to hold its first, and much delayed, annual meeting on November 8 at Richmond House, Broad Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire at 9.30am.

Shareholders have also asked why profits from premium rate "information" lines promoted in company newsletters appear not to be contained in the annual accounts. These telephone lines are supposed to give information to Classic Bloodstock investors about the progress of the company's 23 horses bought for £1.3 million.

Classic Blooodstock, and a separate company, Classic Bloodstock II, raised money through mailing glossy brochures to millions of private investors who bought shares in privatisation issues.

Blow for names as court backs agents



Rowland: pleased by ruling

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SEVERAL thousand Lloyd's names were dealt a severe blow yesterday when a High Court judge ruled that Lloyd's agents could forcibly collect up to £300 million in cash from those names refusing to pay their debts to the insurance market. Names immediately promised to appeal against the judgment.

The implication of the ruling is that 350 names will be served with writs later this month by Dibb Lupton Broomhead, debt collectors acting on behalf of the Lloyd's agents. Philip Holden, head of Lloyd's debt recovery programme, said the judgment "represents an unambiguous warning to those who *won't pay their Lloyd's losses*". He reiterated that those who can't pay their losses will not face legal action.

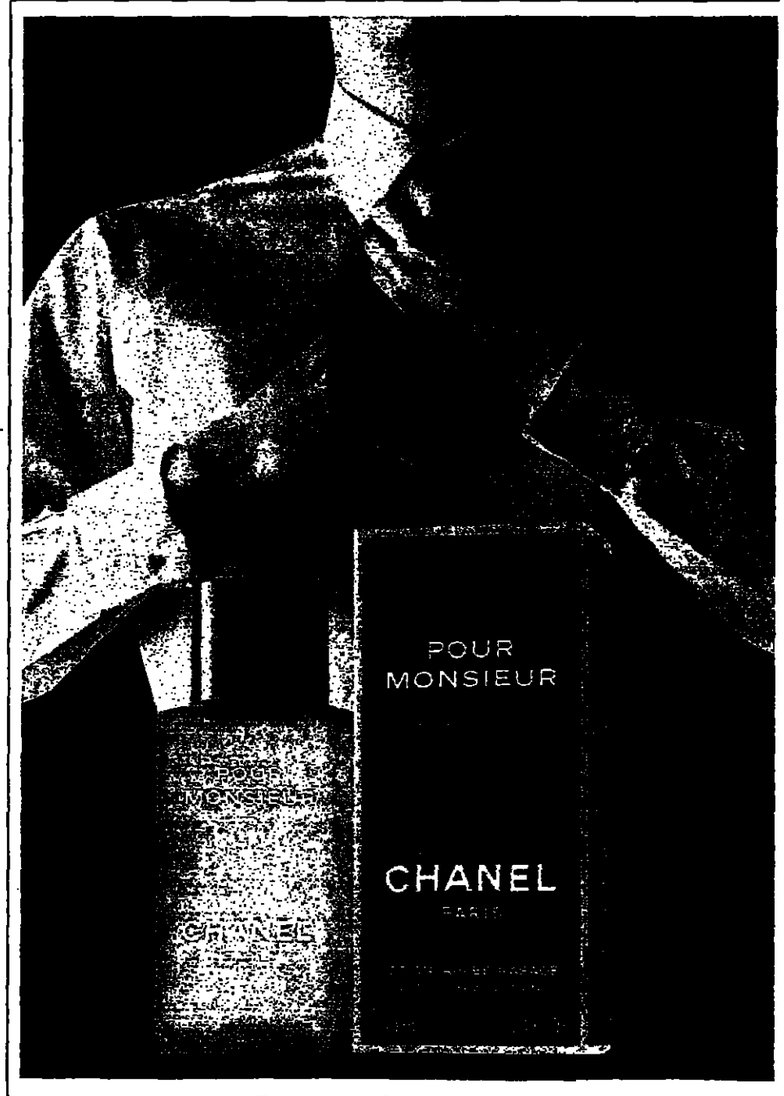
The writs are for names owing money to syndicates that are not involved in legal actions. Lloyd's of London estimates there are 11,000 names who owe £800 million, but part of that is not recoverable because the syndicates are involved in legal action.

David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, said: "I am very pleased to note that the judgment affirms so unequivocally what we have always believed to be the cornerstone of the Lloyd's policy."

Mr Justice Rix, the judge, ruled that Lloyd's agents were legally in their rights to enforce a "pay-now, sue-later" clause in names' contracts. The names argued that they should not have to pay cash calls if legal action against their agents was in the pipeline. Agents have never enforced the clause, but, earlier this year, Lloyd's warned agents that they would be deemed "not fit or proper" to continue operating in the market if they failed to pursue all courses of action available to collect debts from names.

Susan Dingwall, a partner at Dibb Lupton Broomhead, said: "*This is a significant* ruling which will be welcomed not only by the Lloyd's agency *community but also* by those names who have been paying their losses and by potential investors in the Lloyd's market."

The "pay-now, sue-later" hearing was a test case brought by Lloyd's. It involved Marchant & Eliot, an underwriting agency, and Dr Andrew Higgins, a Lloyd's name who owes £10,000. The ruling enables Lloyd's to demand summary judgments against those refusing to pay.



POUR MONSIEUR
ELEGANCE IS TIMELESS
CHANEL

Labour 'will not rush to bring in business laws'

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS was reassured yesterday when Labour pledged that if elected it will not move quickly to introduce new companies legislation. Labour is trying to increase its support among business, and in a series of conference speeches, the Party's leaders are seeking not just to reassure them that Labour can be trusted by business but that it can work well with it.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, will tomorrow emphasise to business leaders the importance to Labour of business ethics — although ministers insist that Labour has little, if any, appeal to industry.

Stuart Bell, the Labour Shadow Trade and Industry Minister, yesterday told a Fabian Society business conference in London that business could trust new Labour, although he accepted publicly that small business leaders would be unlikely to vote Labour at the next general election.

He said that Labour's new appeal to business was not just about trying to garner votes: "We understand that a small businessman is not likely by preference to vote Labour. That's not the issue.

"But we see small business as essential to creating jobs in the economy — and that's very important to us and to Britain."

Emphasising the importance to Labour now of such issues as deregulation, he made it clear that, if elected, Labour would not be rushing in, during its first year in office, to moves that might affect business without full consultation.

He mentioned specifically that Labour would not move quickly to a new Companies' Act, to legislation dealing with Lloyds or to new laws governing accountancy — all areas in which business has been concerned that an incoming Labour government would want swiftly to introduce new legal provisions.

Professor David Storey, director of the centre for small and medium-sized enterprises at Warwick University, urged any future government to help small business by reducing the emphasis on deregulation, training, information and advice and using the tax system to affect small business operations.

Nick Brittain, chief accountant of Barclays Bank, said a government should introduce a new ministry for small business in order to draw together the range of small business issues currently scattered across a large number of Whitehall departments.

Boxmore soars 46% despite rising costs

HIGHER exports and an expanded product range helped Boxmore International, the packaging group based in Northern Ireland, to a 46.1 per cent advance in first-half profits in spite of a "substantial" increase in raw material costs (Philip Pangalos writes).

Pre-tax profits advanced to £5.48 million in the six months to June 30, against £3.75 million last time, as turnover, boosted by acquisition, expanded by 45.8 per cent to £33.7 million. The company continued to benefit from its focus on niche markets in the packaging industry, as well as from investment in the latest plant and technology.

The dividend is raised to 1.62p (1.375p), payable on December 5, from earnings of 13.2p (10.9p) a share.

CRISPIN RODWELL



More boxes from Boxmore: Harold Ennis, chairman, reported expanded product range by the west Belfast company

Rentokil explains US chief's departure

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

CLIVE THOMPSON, chief executive of Rentokil, the environmental and property services group, denied yesterday that the removal of Michael Holmes, as its American regional director, augured bad news about the US business.

He said the company sought and secured the resignation of the head of its American operations because it did not consider him up to the task of managing the enlarged business there.

Although Mr Holmes was asked to clear his desk the week before last, the company only announced his departure this Monday after news of his leaving appeared in *The Times*.

Mr Thompson said that conditions concerning Mr Holmes departure had not been resolved earlier but that he "is resigning" and will be replaced by Roger Payne, a UK regional director.

Rentokil was under no obligation to announce the departure to the Stock Exchange because Mr Holmes was not a director, Mr Thompson added.

To meet the group's twin targets of annual profits and earnings per share growth of 20 per cent, Mr Thompson said the company had to take action very swiftly to ensure results.

Acquisitions this year had doubled the size of the American operation of Rentokil from its £124.5 million turnover last year, but that margins in America were "lower than any other region".

The group showed an operating profit of £17 million in America last year, which represents a margin of 13.7 per cent, compared with the group's 24 per cent.

Nevertheless, Mr Thompson said that the group's ambition was to be large in North America, increasing its share of group turnover from 10-12 per cent to 20 per cent in the next five years.

Shares in Rentokil closed unchanged at 328p yesterday, with more than 470,000 shares traded.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Zeneca shares dip on sales disappointment

SHARES of Zeneca slumped yesterday as investors expressed disappointment over the bioscience company's sales growth. Group sales for the first nine months of the year rose 8 per cent to £3.4 billion. Sales of agrochemicals were 13 per cent ahead at £1.3 billion while pharmaceutical products gained 6 per cent to £1.6 billion. The gains were entirely due to stronger sales. "Good volume growth has been maintained, but pricing pressures remain in some European markets," Zeneca said.

Although the figures were roughly in line with forecasts, analysts said they were not impressive enough to fuel the rally in the sector. Zeneca shares fell 7p to £11.89. Shares of Glaxo Wellcome, which on Monday announced that it had reached an out-of-court settlement on a patent infringement suit in the US, gained 9p to 857p. The rise comes on top of a 52½p gain the day before.

United climbs to record

UNITED AIRLINES reported record profits for the third quarter, substantially strengthening its position if it decides to bid for USAir, the carrier that put itself up for sale recently. Increased efficiency and attracting more "high yield" customers helped to push the three-month profit to $243 million, compared with only $82 million in the third quarter of last year. Revenues rose from $3.8 billion to $4.1 billion. USAir's financial problems have forced it to look for a stronger partner. However, it is 24.6 per cent owned by BA, which is known to be sceptical of United's ownership structure. The company is largely owned by its workforce.

British Gas 'damaged'

BRITISH GAS is more unpopular than ever and gives poor value for money, according to a survey by Mintel International, the market researcher. The study targeted public esteem for large companies. It showed that a series of recent developments, including chief executive Cedric Brown's pay rise and the application of VAT on domestic fuel, have damaged the company's reputation. The survey asked people to rate 26 household-name companies in order of preference in five categories. In the value-for-money class British Gas slumped in popularity from 37 per cent in 1993 to 14 per cent this year. Boots, the chemist, came top in four of the five categories.

Trust raises dividend

DUNEDIN'S Edinburgh Investment Trust yesterday raised its interim payout by nearly 7 per cent to 3.25p, from 3.05p, after unveiling an 11.8 per cent increase in the net asset value per share to 357.7p. The trust manager said that there had been a number of portfolio adjustments in the past six months with fixed interest stocks being reduced through the sale of £20 million of gilts and the proceeds used to repay commercial paper borrowings. Exposure to international equities was scaled back and an extra £43 million invested in the UK, predominantly in smaller companies.

Tax levels hurt Citicorp

CITICORP reported a fall in third-quarter earnings to $877 million, 2 per cent down from a year ago, as a rise in costs and tax levels dampened the bank's performance. Before tax, the bank's earnings were up 10 per cent. Revenues rose 9 per cent to $4.98 billion from $4.57 billion as most areas showed little change on last year's third quarter. Chemical Bank, soon to become the largest US bank after its merger with Chase Manhattan, boosted its quarterly earnings to $477 million from $439 million. Wells Fargo, the San Fransisco bank, made a quarterly profit of $261 million, up from $217 million.

Reassurance over Crest

PRIVATE investors who use Crest, the new electronic stock market settlement system, were yesterday reassured by Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, that people who input instructions will have to be authorised under the Financial Services Act. Mrs Knight said that investor protection was an essential element of the new system. Mrs Knight added that investors would be able to use Crest "in the sure knowledge that the people who access the system on their behalf are properly authorised".

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Austria Sch	16.44	14.94
Belgium Fr	48.15	43.65
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Cyprus CypE	0.742	0.667
Denmark Kr	9.14	8.34
Finland Mkk	7.20	6.56
France Fr	8.13	7.48
Germany Dm	2.35	2.14
Greece Dr	378.00	353.00
Hong Kong $	12.85	11.85
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.96
Israel Shk	5.1637	4.5137
Italy Lira	2655.00	2500.00
Japan Yen	172.00	156.00
Malta	0.592	0.537
Netherlds Gld	2.610	2.380
New Zealand $	2.54	2.32
Norway Kr	10.31	9.51
Portugal Esc	243.50	225.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.41
Spain Pta	196.00	185.00
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.40
Switzerland Fr	1.91	1.73
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Government rejects calls to reform regulators

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government has rejected calls for an overhaul of the system under which Britain's utilities are regulated.

Use of a regulatory panel, rather than a single director-general, "would be likely to slow the regulatory process", the Government says.

Ministers have also refused a plea for closer collaboration between regulators of the gas and electricity industries. However, they concede that there "could be a stronger logic" for having a single regulator once opening-up of the market to supply 26 million household customers is completed in April 1998.

The determination to stick to current practices, in spite of growing unease about their shortcomings, was made plain yesterday in the Government's response to an inquiry by backbench MPs.

The cross-party Trade and Industry Select Committee had called for extensive reform of the way utilities are controlled, including new ways of fixing prices.

But in a further rebuff to one of its most respected critics, the Government also refused the committee's call for an investigation into the opportunities for a "sliding-scale" system of price controls.

The Government said electricity prices were a matter for Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator.

In a separate response, Professor Littlechild focused on the MPs' endorsement of benefits achieved by wider competition. He acknowledged their concern about the difficulties of extending competition to the household market. But in spite of widespread difficulties encountered when competition was extended to more businesses, he insisted adequate steps were in hand to ensure that opening up the country's 26 million homes to competition could be achieved successfully.

But it is clear that even the Government now acknowledges many difficulties remain to be settled if the planned transition to fully-competitive markets in both gas and electricity from April 1998 is to be achieved.

The Government said: "Changes in prospect in both the electricity and gas markets will be sufficiently complex to require the undivided attention of specialist regulators."

The statement is intended to shut the door to any prospect of reform before the next election. Any review would upset government plans to privatise British Energy, the state-owned nuclear generating company, before the next election.

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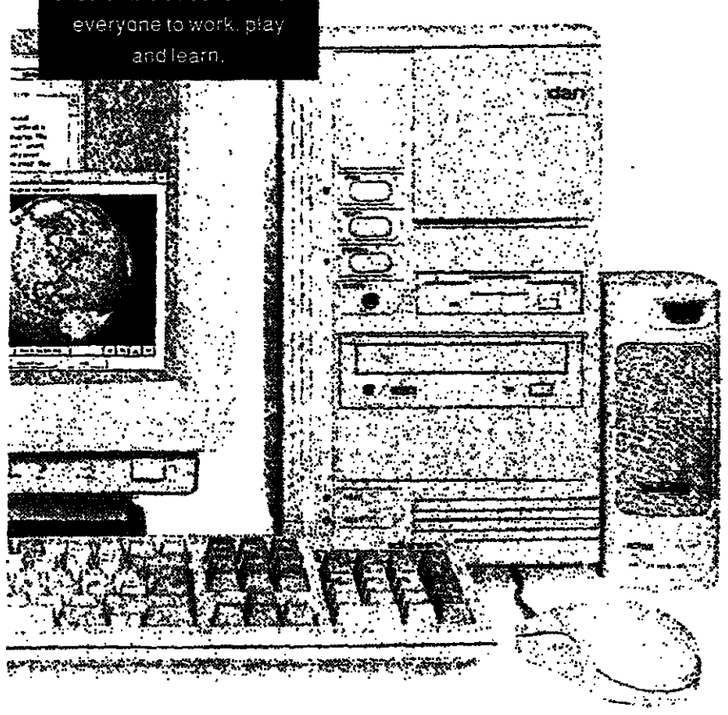
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☐ Pru sets out its mortgage stall ☐ Benefits of an Australian deal ☐ Recs ponder a further Grid delay

A Prudent waiting game

☐ THE last time the Prudential decided on a bold new change of direction and a multi-million pound investment, it cost shareholders £340 million. That was the eventual write-off from the much-regretted foray into estate agencies.

It did not cost the Pru a chief executive, however. That took a £200,000 profit from share options exercised shortly before the group's row with the regulatory authorities degenerated into open warfare and a damning SIB report into the industry's real black hole of the 1990s, the mis-selling of pensions to hundreds of thousands of customers.

That episode, rather than any silly diversification into the housing market, which was in any case duplicated by many other big financial services outfits, was what cost the Pru much of its good name, built up by generations of bicycling door-to-door salesmen. The pensions misselling, the departure of the overbearing Mick Newmarch as chief executive and yesterday's announcement of ambitious plans in banking and mortgage provision are all inextricably and intriguingly linked.

The Bank of England is careful just who gets a licence to hold deposits, although former investors in BCCI might think it is not careful enough. One might speculate whether such a licence would have been forthcoming if Mr Newmarch were still at the helm. His departure in January cited his difficult relationship with the regulators, but his position was not helped by questions asked by the Stock Exchange into his share options, which the company found were exercised according to the correct procedure.

His departure cleared the way for last Friday's decision, after an 18-month investigation, by City regulators to take no action over pensions mis-selling, a ruling widely condemned as a whitewash. This itself can be seen to have prompted yesterday's confirmation of an ambition that the Pru had certainly been harbouring before he went and which probably dated back to the middle of the last decade, when building societies first went into the selling of insurance.

The Pru had been considering buying a building society, and its creation from scratch of a branchless deposit and mortgage lending operation by the end of next year may merely be a toe in these waters, to be followed by a proper purchase if and when a likely candidate comes along.

The building societies have only themselves to blame — in the free-for-all in financial services they have been aggressively taking business away from the insurers. The Pru intends to be a diversified, low-cost operation that can offer mortgages, life insurance, redundancy cover as now required under the revised social security rules and household and building insurance from under one roof. Its transformation is one more step towards what some see as the domination of the market by a handful of financial supermarkets.

Minority view from ICI

☐ THE story goes that the £12 billion merger of RTZ and its Australian associate CRA was finally agreed because the twin managements became tired of bumping into each other at far-flung airports and decided this duplication of effort had to stop.

Buying up part-owned subsidiaries is as fashionable as alcoholic lemonade Down Under this year. BTR has bought the 37 per cent it did not already own of BTR Nylex, while America's Homestake Mining Company has taken out the outstanding 28.5 per cent of Homestake Gold Australia.

Now the talk on Aussie markets is of ICI moving in on the minority shares of its 62.5 per cent-owned subsidiary ICI Australia. This would not be without precedent for ICI — eight years ago it bought out the minority of its Canadian business CIL in order to develop its American business.

It would avoid any danger of ICI and ICI Australia competing against each other in new markets, notably the developing economies of the Far East where both are looking to expand. Analysts in Sydney claim ICI Australia is already constrained in Asia because of fears of competing with its parent.

A recent redrawing of ICI's Far East paints business drew a dividing line between ICI Paints Asia, through which the parent company sells into China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, and the Australian Dulux business, restricted to its home country, New Zealand, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. The excitement in future will be in those economies looked after by the parent company.

Which brings it down to price. ICI Australia's share price has underperformed for most of 1995 and the company is now capitalised at less than £1.4 billion on the stock market, putting a modest £400 million price tag on the outstanding shares. Allow some premium for control — BTR gave BTR Nylex shareholders 34 per cent — and ICI would have to pay little more than £500 million. ICI is understandably keen to play down speculation for fear the price will run away, and the deal will not come with ICI's third quarterlies tomorrow — but the betting is it will come eventually.

Stalled on the Grid

☐ STEPHEN LITTLECHILD has no shortage of critics of his reign as regulator of the electricity industry, but none has so far questioned his intelligence. But the confusion over the National Grid flotation suggests even he may be losing the thread.

The Grid, owned by the regional electricity companies or Recs, is being hived off in December, and all 22 million householders in England and Wales can expect a £50 rebate as a consequence. In his response to the Trade and Industry Select Committee report, Professor Littlechild welcomes the prospect of the Grid as an independent company "with customers receiving a share of the Recs' proceeds from floating the company".

The trouble is, there are no proceeds, at least none arising from outside the industry. The Recs are receiving special dividends to cover their tax liabilities and some of the cost of the rebate but are giving the Grid away free to their shareholders. There is a problem, inevitably for a deal that was initially slotted in for this month and will now be lucky to get away by Christmas. One of the 12, Eastern, owned by Hanson, is holding out for a comfort letter from the Inland Revenue over its own tax position.

Incredibly, the only revenue official who can sign this is said to be too busy. The hold-up is typical of the technical problems that have bedevilled the Grid. We are assured the log-jam should be cleared by the end of the week. Much more delay and the timetable, including the necessary Recs shareholder meetings and the one-off payments to customers, will be threatened.

On the right side

☐ FORGET the rows between Mickey Kantor and his Japanese counterpart over who bugged whom. The real news is that at the Tokyo Motor Show this week the Americans will unveil their first right-hand drive models. In other words, the US car companies will for the first time market in Tokyo cars that are driveable on Japanese roads. Suddenly the US-Japan trade deficit comes into clearer focus.

Wolseley gives a warning with its record results

By Philip Pangalos

ANALYSTS have cut their profit forecasts for Wolseley after the building materials group accompanied record full-year profits with a warning of gloomy prospects because of depressed housing and construction markets worldwide.

The world's leading distributor of heating and plumbing products saw pre-tax profits advance 21.3 per cent to £245.4 million in the year to July 31, as turnover expanded 16.3 per cent to £3.78 billion.

The record profit figures stood out in a depressed building supplies industry, with the advance driven by acquisitions and strong performances from the group's French and US operations.

However, faltering housing and construction markets in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States have prompted the group to warn investors that its markets remain tough and may deteriorate.

Jeremy Lancaster, chairman and managing director, sees little realistic prospect of any significant improvement in Wolseley's main markets during the next financial year.

He said: "The difficulties in the UK housing and construction sector are clear for everyone to see. Any stimulus that may come from the Government or through increased consumer confidence is unlikely to have any positive effect until the second quarter of 1996. It is going to be very difficult to better this year's performance or perhaps even match it."

He added the performances of the French and US businesses were highlights of the year, though growth rate slowed in some areas in a softening US housing market.

Steve Webster, finance director, said the US distribution companies made good progress, though the rate of growth slowed at Carolina Builders and Erb Lumber in a softening US housing market.

There is a final dividend of 6.85p (6p), lifting the total to 9.8p (8.36p), from earnings ahead to 29.72p (25.39p) a share. Gearing stood at 13.2 per cent (10.1 per cent).

The results were accompanied by news that Mr Lancaster will retire as chairman next July, with Richard Ireland, currently a non-executive director and previous finance director, to take over as chairman. John Young, deputy group chief executive, will become chief executive on August 1.

Analysts' have cut their current year pre-tax profit forecasts by more than £20 million to between £235 million and £255 million.

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ANDRE CAMARA



Jeremy Lancaster, centre, with Richard Ireland, left, and John Young yesterday

Gucci has a stylish opening

Shares in Gucci, the high fashion and leather goods group, notched up an elegant premium yesterday when they began trading after their flotation on the New York Stock Exchange.

In the first few minutes of trading the shares strode smartly to $26 from the initial offer price of $22 and stayed there for the rest of the day.

The issue raises $500 million for Gucci after its owners, Investcorp SA, increased the size of the issue by 8.4 million shares. It also places Gucci alongside other chic fashion names with quotations such as Christian Dior, LVMH Moet Hennessy Luis Vuitton, and Hermes. Walter Loeb, of Loeb Associates, said: "It has a superb name and is highly regarded. There is an interest in quality merchandise and quality issues."

Shining Silk

Silk Industries, the silk printer that boasts Hermes and Harrods among its customers, yesterday reported maiden interim pre-tax profits up 12 per cent from £872,000 to £973,000 in the six months to August 31. Sales were £6.4 million, up from £6.3 million. There is a 2p interim, due December 1. The shares were floated in June.

Great guns

Royal Ordnance has won a £40 million contract to supply 105mm artillery guns and ammunition to the Spanish army. The deal will help to secure the jobs of RO workers in Nottingham. Spain will be the 15th country to buy the weapon. Tony Buxton, head of RO's large guns business, said: "We hope to make further sales in Europe in the near future."

Medeva deal

Medeva, the pharmaceuticals company, yesterday acquired the marketing rights for seven Glaxo Wellcome prescription medicine products for £12.4 million. As part of the deal, 43 sales and marketing employees in Glaxo's Britisfarma division will join Medeva's Spanish subsidiary.

Claims against Govett dismissed

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

SHARES in Govett & Company, the Anglo-American fund management and insurance group, jumped 9p to 284p yesterday after a Californian court threw out remaining claims against it by the American Endeavour Fund.

The fund filed its original suit against Govett in February, alleging, among other things, fraud and racketeering. The publicity surrounding the suit and a tumble in the Govett share price forced the company to abandon its planned acquisition of Duff & Phelps, the US fund manager.

In July, the fund's initial suit was dismissed by the federal court, but it refiled its claims as a cross-complaint in Govett's own claims against the fund in the California Superior Court.

This court has now dismissed the cross-complaint. However, the fund said it has now begun proceedings against Govett in the Royal Court of Jersey. The proceedings are "substantially the same as the proceedings which it had brought in the San Fransisco Superior Court". The fund is believed to be seeking damages of more than $67 million. The fund, which used to be managed by Govett under the name Govett American Endeavour Fund, had sued Govett and Arthur Trueger, its chairman, for $20 million damages under racketeering laws. Govett is seeking more than $100 million in damages to compensate it for its inability to complete the Duff & Phelps deal.

After the Duff & Phelps deal fell through, Govett put its fund management businesses up for sale. It hopes to find a buyer this month.

KW threat over compensation

By Robert Miller

KNIGHT WILLIAMS, the controversial firm of retirement income specialists, yesterday threatened the Treasury that unless it takes "a more constructive" attitude to the firm's compensation offer to elderly investors, it is unlikely that "any will receive compensation".

The threat came in a letter to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, from John Williams, a director of KW & Co, which went into liquidation this summer, who also demanded an apology for the way in which the KW case has been handled by Angela Knight, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

At least 400 people from the KW Investors Action Group, founded by Kenneth Jordan, applied for compensation from KW & Co under a special deal set up last November by the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog.

The compensation bill under the SIB scheme is estimated to have topped £3 million. Mr Williams said that Mrs Knight's earlier letter to him contained errors of fact and insinuations "which are deeply offensive".

Mrs Knight told Mr Williams: "It is surely in everyone's interests, including those of your former clients, many of whom are I believe elderly, for these matters to be resolved as speedily as possible."

Mr Jordan said: "I welcome the minister's no nonsense approach to the KW problem. She is clearly not going to allow herself to be distracted by the volumes of misinformation put about by Knight Williams."

Son regrets not standing up to his father

Kevin Maxwell lied to bank

KEVIN MAXWELL admitted yesterday that he lied to bankers, but said he did so only with great reluctance on his father's angry instructions.

He told a jury at the Central Criminal Courtof the shame he felt at having agreed with orders his father gave him during a stormy meeting at which the publisher thumped the desk with his fist.

"My feelings of embarrassment and even shame about that conduct [lying to the banks] are no different today in this public courtroom than I felt at the time. I do feel very bad about misleading at best and lying at worst to the bank," he said.

He had confessed and apologised to the chairman of the bank concerned, Ced Ritchie, of the Bank of Novi Scotia.

Days after his father died in November 1991, Kevin Maxwell flew to Toronto for a personal meeting with Mr Ritchie. He said: "I apologised to Ced Ritchie personally for my conduct in the summer and failing to be open and frank, for having misled the bank."

He told the jury that Mr Ritchie was grateful and said he had admired Robert Maxwell for building up a great business in spite of the difficulties and that "I could look forward to a long relationship with the bank".

Kevin Maxwell, on his seventh day in the witness box, said the lie came after the Maxwell Group committed a "technical default" on the conditions governing a debt.

"It's not a matter I am at all proud of," he said. He told the court he still regretted not standing up to his father.

Earlier, Kevin Maxwell accused National Westminster Bank of "swiping" $65 million for itself from Maxwell assets, and claimed a senior executive had threatened him.

The court has heard that NatWest and Robert Maxwell had a relationship dating back 40 years. It had stood by him when he faced a DTI inquiry in the 1970s and had been rewarded in the 1980s when he came back strongly in business.

Kevin Maxwell said that after his father's death he had received a personal letter of condolence from John Melbourn, a senior NatWest executive. But, shortly after, said Kevin Maxwell, Mr Melbourn had refused to return shares in Teva, the Israeli company, which the bank was holding as a security, because "he said he was concerned about the security position and that he didn't feel able or willing to release them".

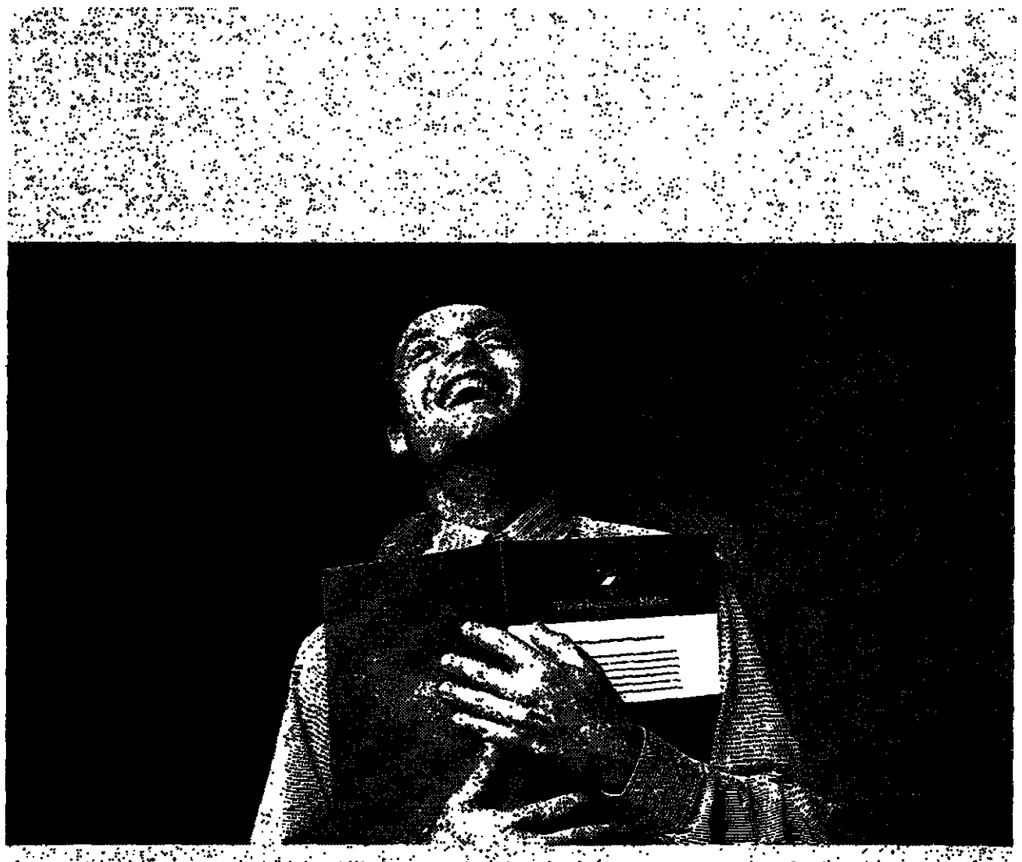
Kevin Maxwell said he felt he was in no position to push because he needed the bank's help in arranging a standstill position. "I was at the mercy of John Melbourn at that point, and a week later at another meeting he threatened me".

He said this arose over instructions concerning an inter-company transfer of $32 million. He told the jury that Mr Melbourn had said to him: "If you order me to do it I will, but if I do it I will abandon you and I will not support your standstill. You are not to do it."

On top of that, he said from the witness box, "they swiped $65 million for themselves".

Kevin Maxwell, 36, his brother Ian, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, a former Maxwell financial adviser, deny conspiracy to defraud the pension funds by misusing £22 million worth of Teva shares. Kevin Maxwell denies a further charge of conspiring with his father to misuse £100 million worth of shares in Scitex, another Israeli company.

The trial continues tomorrow.



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Investors wary before new £3bn gilt auction

SHARE prices traded in narrow limits as investors decided that caution was the better part of valour before today's gilt auction.

The City does not want a repeat of last month's £3 billion auction which left the Bank of England with unwanted stock. Most brokers think this month's £3 billion issue will go smoothly, paving the way for a rally in equities after the uncertainty of recent days.

However, the FT-SE 100 index was able to shrug off a gloomy distributive trades survey from the CBI to enjoy modest gains. It closed 3.8 points up at 3,535.3 on turnover of 629 million shares.

Hillsdown Holdings reversed an early 2p lead to finish 2p easier at 168p after being forced to halt production at its Telfers factory in Northampton which supplies sandwiches to Marks & Spencer. The decision follows the discovery of salmonella traces. The 600-strong workforce will be tested and stock worth £100,000 is reported to have been dumped. Tests are being carried out and it is hoped to restart output at the end of the week. ***Marks & Spencer*** was unchanged at 242p.

T&N was a dull market, losing 6p at 160p, after reports that the company may be forced to make increased provisions against further claims for asbestosis.

Glaxo Wellcome touched 871p as brokers turned bullish of the shares after this week's out-of-court settlement in the US over patents covering an ingredient of Zantac. The shares closed 9p better at 857p.

Medeva fell 4p to 282p. It has acquired, for a total of £12.4 million, the rights from Glaxo to market seven prescription products.

But **Zeneca** failed to make any impression with news that sales growth in the first nine months had grown 8 per cent to £3.7 billion. The shares lost 7p to 1180p. The best performance came from its agrochemicals divisions which lifted sales 12 per cent. Another bright spot was the growth of Quorn output, which has doubled with the introduction of a new burger and the endorsement by the likes of Will Carling, the England rugby captain.

SmithKline Beecham A rose 7p to 664p before today's third-quarter figures. There was heavy turnover in shares of **Vistec**, currently the subject of an agreed £22 million bid from Lynx Holdings, the computer group. The price slipped ½p to 19½p as a number of large lines of stock went through the market. Three parcels totalling 15.72 million went through at 18½p along with a further 6.62 million.

Bid target **SelecTV** firmed 2p to 34½p. Earlier this month the independent television production company, announced it was in bid talks. **Daily Mail & General Trust**, up 10p at £12.85, owns a 13 per cent stake. MAI, unchanged at 316p and which controls Meridian, the independent broadcaster in the south of the country, has been tipped as suitor. SelecTV also has a stake in Meridian.

Prudential Corporation, Britain's biggest investor, advanced 3½p to 390½p after announcing plans to become a bank. It has applied to the Bank of England to set up a branchless deposit and mortgage lending operation in a move designed to increase competition among banks and building societies. The move towards direct banking is expected to cost £70 million.

HSBC, which owns Midland Bank and First Direct, seemed unperturbed, adding 6½p to 939½p.

The rest of the banks enjoyed a late burst of speculative support thought to have come from the other side of the Atlantic. **National Westminster** stood out with a rise of 14½p to 651½p, with **Abbey National** edging ahead 1½p to 551p and **Barclays** 2½p to 742p. **Standard Chartered**, the international banking group, was also on the move with the price adding 14p to 499p on persistent hopes of a bid. Standard was the target of an abortive attempt by Lloyds Bank in the 1980s and was only rescued by the intervention of several white knights. By the close of business, almost 6.5 million shares had traded.

News of a management buyout at its Golden Wonder snacks division lifted **Dalgety** 5p to 422p. The £54.6 million buyout by the management is being backed by Legal & General Ventures and led by Clive Sharpe, a former director of Golden Wonder and chief executive of Homepride.

Wolseley, the building products supplier, shed 1p at 375p after giving warning that its existing markets remain difficult and may deteriorate.

Impressive full-year figures from **McKechnie** have been offset by news that the current year has started with growth levels down. Pre-tax profits last year climbed from £35.3 million to £43.5 million.

Dobson Park eased 1p to 123p with Harnischfeger, the US mining equipment group, having received acceptances of 0.09 per cent for its 110p a share offer. The offer has been extended to November 10.

Plans by Harnischfeger to increase the terms of its bid by an extra 18.3p have been shelved after Dobson Park said it would not recommend the proposals.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices saw early gains whittled away as investors turned their attention towards today's gilt auction. The issue of £3 billion of 20-year stock is expected to go well after last month's issue which was undersubscribed. But brokers said there was no room for complacency and it was inevitable that a few nerves were likely to creep into trading yesterday andprices closed narrowly mixed. In the futures pit, the December long gilt finished £⅛ better at £104 27/32.

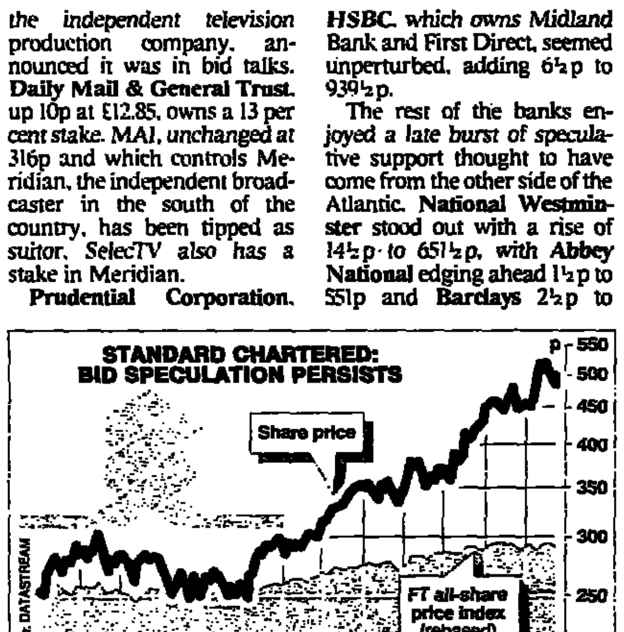
In longs, Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017 ended four ticks easier at £103 3/16, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 lost a tick to £101⅜.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The Dow Jones industrial average was up 16.26 points to 4,771.74 at midday as a better tone in the dollar and bonds aided a rebound from yesterday's near 40-point reverse.



Will Carling's skills failed to win the day for Zeneca

CE Heath, the insurance company, rallied from a year's low, rising 8p to 159p. Two million shares changed hands in a market where traders normally only make a price in 10,000. James Capel was behind much of the buying. The broker is said to have been telling clients that the break-up value of the group is 240p a share.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 4771.74 (+16.26)
S&P Composite .... 585.75 (+0.69)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 18014.25 (-141.99)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9775.66 (-104.87)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 452.56 (+3.39)

Sydney:
AO .... 2080.0 (-9.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2113.60 (+6.18)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2089.44 (-18.48)

Brussels:
General .... 7698.28 (-2.62)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1724.21 (+3.07)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 688.30 (+2.70)

London:

FT 30	2582.7 (+3.2)
FT 100	3535.3 (+3.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3904.8 (-7.7)
FT-SE-A 350	1759.4 (+0.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1363.11 (+11.07)
FT A All-Share	1738.3 (+0.49)
FT Non Financials	1845.25 (-0.16)
FT Fixed Interest	110.84 (-0.04)
FT Govt Secs	92.57 (-0.10)
Bargains	27011
SEAQ Volume	627.6m
USM (Datastrm)	183.01 (+0.57)
US$	1.5817 (+0.0009)
German Mark	2.1935 (+0.0036)
Exchange Index	83.6 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1807
£:SDR	1.0467
RPI	150.6 Sep (3.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.2 Sep (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Cons Coal (50)	65	...
Euro Sales Fin	125	...
German Slr Wrts	18	...
Hay & Robertson	38	...
Indpt Radio	114	...
MultiMedia (45)	60	...
Murray Vct	103	...
Pemberstone	60	...
Pictet British (100)	103	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	...
Upton & Sthn Wts	½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Barls n/p (16)	2	...
Millgate n/p (12)	7	...
Premier Land n/p (5)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Northamber	211p (+16p)
Whessoe	187p (+12p)
Hozelock	417p (+21p)
Holliday Chem	194p (+8p)
Celltech	483p (+16p)
Stand Chart	499p (+14p)
Forth Ports	625p (+10p)
David Smith	578p (+8p)
Telspec	869p (+11p)
Body shop	133p (+7p)
Baldwin	162p (+7p)
Cantab Pharms	305p (+10)
Govett	284p (+9p)
Photobition	257p (+8p)

FALLS:

Magnolia Group	29p (-11p)
Ranger	335p (-35p)
Wamford	205p (-14p)
Commercial Union	610p (-12p)
Mitel	316p (-17p)
Thomson Corp	785p (-30p)
Epwin	255p (-8p)
Wembley	332p (-10p)
McKechnie	442p (-12p)
Mersey Docks	460p (-11p)
Electrocomponents	308p (-7p)
AIM	318p (-7p)
Nat Aust Bank	545p (-12p)
Vosper Thorny	881p (-19p)
Airtours	330p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Addicted to drug bids

THE trouble with holding bid stocks is that the hoped-for bids do not always materialise. In their absence, attention is once again drawn to the less glamorous fundamentals of investment valuation. When the fundamentals fail to justify the valuation, the temptation is to castigate those who cry "bid" but, in the end, bidders themselves are driven as much by price as by fundamentals.

Zeneca's share price has soared in reaction to real and rumoured bids in the pharmaceutical sector, with Swiss groups such as Ciba-Geigy and Hoffmann La Roche, favoured as candidates for a predator. Yesterday, however, investors were provided with some hard information on which to judge the company's performance. The figures were not entirely flattering.

Sales were up 8 per cent overall but Zeneca's drug revenues were up only 6 per cent over the 9 months to September and the company forecasts the trend to continue for the full year. That gives little support to Zeneca's bulls, with the sales growth of Zestril beginning to slow and Nolvadex reaching a plateau, while Tenormin is in decline.

Zeneca's new drugs perform better and it has others in the pipeline but the company's rating is demanding a more aggressive growth rate. Valued at some 18 times earnings in 1996, it is rubbing shoulders with US drugs companies such as Pfizer and Merck which are delivering double-digit sales growth. Having cried wolf for so long about bids, the market may be nervous about abandoning this one. But it is going to take a very hungry wolf indeed to gobble up Zeneca at a premium to this rating.

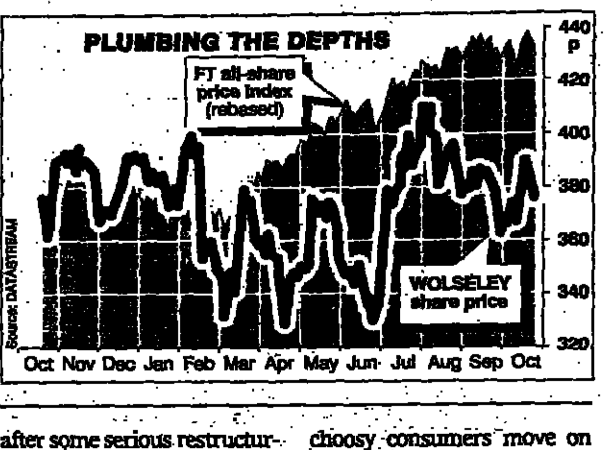
Wolseley

COMPANIES that do not go out of their way to draw attention to themselves but deliver fairly consistent performance get generous treatment from the market. Wolseley is a good example. After serving up a 17 per cent rise in both earnings and dividend yesterday, the chairman delivered a stern warning about the weak building market and forecast little improvement until next spring, the final quarter of Wolseley's financial year.

The upshot, explained the chairman, is that Wolseley is unlikely to do better than match last year's profits. However, Wolseley shares recovered completely.

Faith in Wolseley stems from belief in its ability to maintain margin. Despite a 9 per cent decline in volumes among builder's merchants throughout the UK, Wolseley's Plumb Centre gained sales and, says the company, improved its margin although Wolseley is too shy to provide a proper breakdown of its sales and profit growth.

If volume declines in the building sector continue, as expected, the question is whether Wolseley can afford to give up sales in order to maintain margins during a bad year. The company is expanding the Plumb Centre chain aggressively and more new outlets are planned this year. Given the need to generate volumes for the new stores, Wolseley looks ill-placed to resist any price pressures from rivals and profits will suffer accordingly. The shares could weaken.



McKechnie

PLASTICS. That was the career advice given to the young Dustin Hoffman in the film, *The Graduate*, and someone at McKechnie has taken it to heart. Fuelled by new information technology and the computer add-ons market, plastics are proving a more exciting mix than traditional metal bashing.

The repositioning has further to go and the Midlands group, which has yet to benefit fully from the integration of acquisitions such as Linread fasteners, needs a better geographical balance.

Plastics, specialist products and consumer goods are now roughly in equal proportions. But McKechnie is still too exposed to the dull UK market and fettered by the weak housing sector. The company would like to redress that imbalance and with nil gearing it can certainly afford to do so. North America — where the company has enjoyed a recovery after some serious restructuring — is on the buy list.

McKechnie may have caused a little scare yesterday with the warning that current sales are flat but its longer-term plans should deliver solid results.

Dalgety

THE wafer-thin profit margin on a packet of crisps is one explanation why a household brand name — Golden Wonder — was yesterday sold for a mere £55 million. The price represents about a third of the turnover of the bagged snacks business and amounts to a multiple of less than ten times earnings.

In fact, Dalgety has done well to achieve yesterday's price with rumours in the market that an Italian bidder, Unichip, was offering only £40 million for Golden Wonder. Crisps have become a commodity and the market share of the Golden Wonder brand has slumped as own-brand products take over and choosy consumers move on to more exotic snack foods. Golden Wonder's logical buyer was KP but United Biscuits, KP's owner, is preoccupied with its own difficulties and could not afford the inevitable investor criticism that good money was being thrown at new problems.

Dalgety deserves some credit for generating £293 million from the sale of its consumer foods, little short of the £300 million target which included the baking mix business which is to be retained. The price is probably better than appears at first glance: the buyout team are taking with them some of the overhead of the Homepride sauces business sold to a trade buyer last summer. An MBO team is probably best placed to squeeze more profit from a consumer product in slow decline, but the new owners will have to be inventive and quick on their feet to extract a decent return.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	921-920	Mar	1035-1034
Mar	951-950	May	1050-1046
May	968-967	Jul	unq
Jul	995-993	Sep	...
Sep	1002-1001		
Dec	1020-1017	Volume:	5228

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2423-2415	Jul	2204-2201
Jan	2351-2350	Sep	2190-2165
Mar	2306-2305	Nov	2170-2150
May	2244-2237	Volume:	4212

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	325.6-24.3
Spot: 361.5		Oct	295.3-93.8
Dec	349.0-48.6	Dec	293.3-90.7
Mar	334.7-34.3	Mar	291.3-87.8
May	328.5-27.8	Volume:	2260

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	97.56	103.52	127.30
+/-(-)	-2.23	+1.19	-0.46
Eng/Wales	97.59	103.61	127.16
+/-(-)	-2.25	+1.24	-0.53
(%)	+0.2	-3.0	+2.0
Scotland	96.44	103.16	129.74
+/-(-)	-1.49	+1.02	+0.20
(%)	+10.0	-2.0	+4.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.00	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.05	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jan)	15.95	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.35	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.20	+0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas 15	B: 171 (n/c)	O: 173 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	151 (-3)	152 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Nov	150 (+2)	153 (+4)
Non EEC 1H Dec	151 (+2)	153 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	85 (-1)	87 (-1)
Naphtha	153 (n/c)	155 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	149.25-49.50	Feb	149.25-49.75
Dec	149.50-49.75	Mar	148.75-49.00
Jan	149.50-49.75		Vol: 17116

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.05-16.06	Mar	unq
Jan	15.92-15.94	Apr	15.72 BID
Feb	15.82-15.85		Vol: 23172

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	121.15	Nov	110.65
Jan	123.55	Jan	114.15
Mar	125.55	Mar	116.50
May	127.50	May	119.25
Jul	129.75	Sep	107.75
Volume: 757		Volume: 164	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	194.0
Apr	273.0	271.5
May	unq	312.5
		Volume: 10

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Nov 99.50-100.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 95	1525	1500	1510
Dec 95	1505	1490	1493
Jan 96	1535	1475	1480
Apr 96	1535	1480	1480

Vol: 401 lots Open interest: 4041
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2810.0-2815.0	2717.0-2719.0	1411100
Lead ($/tonne)	647.00-648.00	676.00-677.00	223300
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	962.00-963.00	986.00-987.00	631950
Tin ($/tonne)	6170.0-6190.0	6240.0-6245.0	15965
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1637.0-1637.5	1674.5-1675.0	1155950
Nickel ($/tonne)	8190.0-8195.0	8310.0-8315.0	59964

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Dom.	500	26	36	40	14½	19	26½
(*510½)	550	5	14½	18½	47½	49	60
Argyll	330	15	24	28½	14	18½	24
(*332½)	360	5½	11½	16	34½	37½	42
ASDA	90	12	14½	17	1½	3	4
(*99½)	100	6	9½	11½	5	7	8
Boots	500	53	64	70½	3	7	12½
(*548)	550	19½	31½	39	19½	25	32
Br Airways	450	29½	35½	43	14½	19½	25
(*467½)	500	8	17½	24½	39½	42½	47½
BP	460	26½	34½	41	8	14	18
(*477)	500	7½	15	21½	30	35	38½
Br Steel	160	12	16½	19	4½	6	10
(*168)	180	3	7	10	16	17½	21
C & W	390	34	47	53½	7	13	19½
(*414)	420	16	30½	37	19½	26	32
CU	600	37	46	54	17½	30	35
(*610½)	650	15	23	31½	45½	60	63½
ICI	750	62	72	79½	7	18½	23
(*793)	800	29½	41	50½	25	41	45½
Kingfishr	460	38	49	52½	8½	19½	24
(*482)	500	16	26½	32½	27	39½	44
Land Sec	550	32	43½	48	8½	12	21
(*573)	600	8	16½	22	36½	38½	48½
M & S	420	22½	33	38½	8	13	18
(*432)	460	5½	13½	18½	32½	35½	39
Nat West	650	31½	40½	51	22	36½	44½
(*657½)	700	11½	20½	30	53	66½	75
Sainsbury	390	23½	32½	36½	7½	11½	15½
(*404)	420	10	17½	20½	22½	27	30½
Shell	700	49½	59½	63½	4	12	16
(*734)	750	17½	28	34	22	35	39½
Smkl Bch	650	33½	47½	59½	16	24	36
(*664)	700	12	24	35½	44	52	59½
Storehse	300	19½	26½	33	7½	10½	14
(*311)	330	6	13	17	24½	27	29½
Trafalgar	20	6½	5	9½	3	4½	5
(*23)	25	4½	6	8	6	9	9
Unilever	1200	60	81	91½	13	27	32½
(*1239½)	1250	29	50½	63	33½	50	55
Zeneca	1150	84½	107	130½	27½	49½	59½
(*1158½)	1200	56	79	103½	49	72	81½

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met.	420	22½	34½	40½	4	15½	17½
(*439)	460	4½	16	21½	25	36½	39½
Ladbroke	160	7½	14	16	1½	5½	8
(*165)	180	0½	5	7	15	17	19½
Utd Bisc	280	10½	20½	29	6½	13½	17½
(*280½)	300	2½	12	17	20½	25½	29½

October 24, 1995 Tot: 23668 Call: 10641 Put: 13047 FT-SE Call: 2077 Put: 3790
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	34	46	51½	7	10½	14½
(*495)	500	12	23½	29½	25½	28½	33
Thames W	500	26½	39	46½	18	21½	31½
(*512½)	550	8½	18	24½	49½	52	62

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAT Inc.	500	32½	49	54½	4	11½	20
(*528½)	550	5½	22½	28	24	33½	45½
BTR	300	21½	29½	32½	0½	7½	8
(*320)	330	2	11½	15	11½	16	22½
Br Aero	700	32	60½	72	7½	23	37½
(*722½)	750	7½	35½	47	33	48	58
Br Telcm	360	19½	25½	30½	1	8	9½
(*376½)	390	3	10	15½	14½	24½	25½
Cadbury	500	31½	48	51	4½	15½	20½
(*525)	550	5½	22½	26½	29½	37	45
Guinness	500	12½	29	35½	6	15½	22½
(*504½)	550	0½	9	14½	45½	47½	53
GEC	300	21	26	32½	1	5½	7
(*318)	330	2	9½	16	13	19½	21
Hanson	191	7	11	—	2½	9½	—
(*196)	211	0½	3½	—	16	22	—
LASMO	140	16	20	22	0	3	5
(*155)	160	3	8½	10½	6½	10½	13½
Lucas	180	9½	17	20½	2½	7	8½
(*197)	200	1½	8	11	14	17½	19
Pilkngtn	180	10	15	20	2	7½	8½
(*186)	200	2½	6½	10½	14½	18½	19½
Prudential	390	9½	23	29	8	16	24½
(*390½)	420	1	10	16	30	33	43
Redland	330	20½	33	39½	2½	7½	14½
(*347½)	360	3½	16	23	15	20	29½
R-Royce	140	20	24½	26	0	1½	3½
(*159½)	160	4	11	13½	4	7½	11
Tesco	300	8½	19	24	4½	10	15½
(*302½)	330	0½	7	10½	27½	29	33½
Vodafone	260	5½	18	25½	5½	13	16½
(*260)	280	2	9½	16	19½	25	28
Williams	300	19	27	31½	0½	4½	9
(*316½)	330	2½	10	14½	14	18	23½

FT-SE INDEX (*3533½)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Nov	149½	108½	72½	45	24½	10½
Dec	179½	142	108½	78½	55	36
Jan	202½	165½	135	105½	80	61
Feb	219½	184½	154½	124	101	78
Jun	286	—	202½	—	151	—
Puts						
Nov	13	22	37½	61½	93	134
Dec	32	45	61½	87½	112½	140½
Jan	44½	58	78	99	127½	159½
Feb	54	69	88½	110	137½	167½
Jun	98	—	133	—	180	—

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat.	550	22½	36	39	16½	31½	35
(*551½)	600	5½	15½	19	50	63½	66½
Amstrad	280	15½	25	33	8½	15	17½
(*285)	300	7½	16	23	20	26	27½
Barclays	700	54½	72	79½	6	20	26
(*741½)	750	22	41	50	24½	42	44
Blue Circ	280	15	24½	27	7½	13	19½
(*294)	300	6½	15	18	19	22½	31
Br Gas	240	13½	20	23½	4	6	11
(*247)	260	3½	10	13½	14½	16	21½
Dixons	360	32½	41	49½	4½	11½	14½
(*384)	390	13½	23½	32½	16	24	27½
Forte	220	23	28½	31	2	5	6½
(*239½)	240	9½	16	19	7	11½	14½
Tarmac	80	9	13	14	2½	5	6
(*86)	90	3½	7½	9	7½	8½	11
Hillsdwn	160	9½	14½	16	2½	5	10½
(*168)	180	1	5½	7	15	16	22½
Lonrho	160	8½	11½	15½	5½	9	11
(*161)	180	2	4½	7	19½	22	24
Sears	100	7	10	12	1½	3½	5
(*106)	110	2½	5	6½	6½	8	10
Thm Emi	1500	66	98	132	37½	52½	56
(*1515½)	1600	25	57	93½	99	109	111
Tomkins	240	17½	25	28½	3½	7½	9½
(*252)	260	6	13	18	12½	17	19
TSB	360	15	23	27	8	17	20
(*369)	390	3	8	11½	25	35	38½

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	41½	53	70	24	33½	43½
(*856)	900	19	30½	45	52	67	77½
HSBC	900	72½	95½	107	18½	41	51
(*940½)	950	44	66	79½	38½	64½	73
Reuter	550	43½	55½	66½	13½	21	27
(*572½)	600	16½	29½	42	36½	45½	52

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	37	46½	52	7	12	23
(*385)	390	19½	30	36½	19½	32	37

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	4½	4	5	0½	1	1½
(*263)	280	0	0	1	18½	19	21

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	26	29½	29½	0½	0	1
(*974)	1000	0½	0½	0½	26	30	31½

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	30	41	51½	5½	11	17½
(*484½)	500	8	20	30	24	29	36½
Scot Pwr	360	13	19½	27	10½	17½	19½
(*360)	390	3	8	14½	31	35½	37

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3551.0	3566.0	3541.0	3547.0	7697
Previous open interest: 69758	Mar 96	3586.0	3596.0	3586.0	3576.0	175
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3934.0	0
Previous open interest: 3537	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.24	93.26	93.23	93.24	15658
Previous open interest: 332200	Mar 96	93.31	93.38	93.30	93.34	20338
	Jun 96	93.24	93.32	93.23	93.25	15981
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.18	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.38	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.03	96.03	96.01	96.02	10730
Previous open interest: 785413	Mar 96	96.17	96.18	96.15	96.15	10942
Long Gilt	Dec 95	104-25	105-01	104-22	104-25	39574
Previous open interest: 99700	Mar 96				104-07	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	120.40	120.50	120.14	120.19	3069
	Mar 96	119.38	119.38	119.05	119.08	440
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	95.97	96.07	95.95	95.99	74073
Previous open interest: 205708	Mar 96	95.45	95.46	95.40	95.40	428
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.15	94.18	94.15	94.16	904
Previous open interest: 18226	Mar 96	94.40	94.41	94.36	94.40	277
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.78	97.82	97.77	97.81	3845
Previous open interest: 49182	Mar 96	97.87	97.92	97.86	97.90	3353
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	99.15	99.35	98.95	99.29	34151
Previous open interest: 50228	Mar 96	99.05	99.05	98.90	98.99	104

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6½ Week fixed: 6⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 9/16; 3 mth 6 9/16. Sell: 2 mth 6 7/16; 3 mth: 6 15/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 25/32-6 21/32	6 25/32-6 21/32	6¾-6 11/16	6 25/32-6 23/32	6⅞-6 25/32
Interbank:	6 25/32-6 21/32	6 25/32-6 21/32	6¾-6 11/16	6 25/32-6 23/32	6⅞-6 25/32
Overnight: open 6½ close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6 11/16	6¾	6 25/32
Sterling CDs:	6 21/32-6 19/32	6 11/16-6⅝	6 21/32-6 19/32	6¾-6 11/16	6 25/32-6 23/32
Dollar CDs:	5.78	n/a	5.84	5.79	5.77
Building Society CDs:	6 11/16-6⅝	6 11/16-6⅝	6¾-6 11/16	6 25/32-6 23/32	6 13/16-6¾

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5 25/32-5 21/32	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-4⅞
Deutschemark:	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3 15/16	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4¼-3¾
French Franc:	7⅝-7⅛	7⅝-7⅛	7⅝-7⅛	7⅛-6⅞	7½-5½
Swiss Franc:	2⅛-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2½-1½
Yen:	½-⅜	½-0	⅝-½	⅝-½	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.20-382.50 Close: $382.40-382.90 High: $382.40-382.90
Low: $381.80-382.30 AM: $382.55 PM: $382.50
Krugerrand: $363.50-385.50 (£242.95-244.50)
Platinum: $410.00 (£259.95) Silver: $5.35 (£3.385) Palladium: $134.75 (£85.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4530-2.4617	2.4585-2.4617	½-¼pr	1-¾pr
Brussels	45.05-45.32	45.22-45.32	5-4pr	13-10pr
Copenhagen	8.5140-8.5600	8.5370-8.5600	n/a	n/a
Dublin	0.9725-0.9762	0.9727-0.9752	11-7pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.1900-2.2019	2.1980-2.2019	¼pr-⅛ds	¼pr-⅛ds
Lisbon	231.93-233.32	232.69-233.32	35-50ds	110-135ds
Madrid	190.70-191.49	191.20-191.49	37-41ds	108-116ds
Milan	2552.60-2558.10	2553.70-2557.80	7-7¾ds	20½-22ds
Montreal	2.1648-2.1731	2.1648-2.1678	0.12-0.17ds	0.25-0.35ds
New York	1.5790-1.5820	1.5790-1.5800	0.12-0.10pr	0.33-0.30pr
Oslo	9.7100-9.7700	9.7550-9.7700	½-¼pr	1-½pr
Paris	7.7110-7.7340	7.7200-7.7340	¼-1ds	2-2¾ds
Stockholm	10.473-10.527	10.473-10.496	1¼-1¾ds	4½-5ds
Tokyo	158.03-158.84	158.57-158.84	½-¼pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	15.400-15.500	15.472-15.500	1½-1¼pr	4½-3½pr
Zurich	1.7792-1.7956	1.7927-1.7956	¾-½pr	1¼-1pr

Source: Ertel. *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3363-1.3372
Austria	9.78-9.79
Belgium (Com)	28.57-28.61
Canada	1.3720-1.3725
Denmark	5.4030-5.4060
France	4.8835-4.8850
Germany	1.3886-1.3896
Hong Kong	7.7315-7.7325
Ireland	1.6211-1.6231
Italy	1615.90-1617.40
Japan	100.07-100.16
Malaysia	2.5218-2.5228
Netherlands	1.5568-1.5578
Norway	6.1640-6.1670
Portugal	147.23-147.35
Singapore	1.4140-1.4150
Spain	120.87-120.94
Sweden	6.6488-6.6588
Switzerland	1.1330-1.1340

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5817-1.5843
Australia dollar	2.1115-2.1142
Bahrain dinar	0.5900-0.6020
*Brazil real**	1.5168-1.5210
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6960-0.7060
Finland markka	6.5675-6.6835
Greece drachma	359.50-366.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.2142-12.2235
India rupee	55.39-56.35
Indonesia rupiah	3552.00-3620.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4685-0.4785
Malaysia ringgit	3.9842-3.9879
New Zealand dollar	2.3944-2.3995
Pakistan rupee	50.19 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6925-5.8165
Singapore dollar	2.2342-2.2371
S Africa rand (com)	5.6960-5.7980
U A E dirham	5.7425-5.8665

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

3i	556	*Legal & Gn*	1,400
ASDA Gp	7,300	Lloyds Bk	2,800
Abbey Ntl	4,500	London Elect	401
Allied Dom	973	Marks Spr	5,100
Argyll Gp	2,800	Mid Elec	264
Arjo Wggns	1,200	NatWst Bk	3,200
AB Foods	1,100	Nat Power	337
BAA	1,500	*NW Water*	2,000
BAT Inds	2,600	P & O	3,700
BOC	824	Pearson	858
BP	6,300	PowerGen	1,200
BSkyB	816	Prudential	5,500
BTR	9,800	REXAM	607
BT	15,000	RMC	184
Bk of Scot	475	RTZ	985
Barclays	1,900	Rank Org	723
Bass	970	Reckitt Col	303
Blue Circle	1,100	*Redland*	2,000
Boots	3,900	Reed Intl	800
BAe	2,800	*Rentokil*	474
BA	1,900	Reuters	4,000
Brit Gas	6,900	Rolls Royce	4,900
Brit Steel	14,000	Royal Ins	1,600
Burmah Cstl	304	Ryl Bk Scot	1,700
Cable Wire	3,100	Sainsbury	3,700
Cadbury	2,600	Schroders	26
Carlton Cms	412	*Scot & New*	2,600
Cm Union	797	*Scot Power*	2,900
Cookson	954	Sears	2,600
Courtaulds	1,300	Svrn Trent	1,100
De La Rue	689	Shell Trans	3,900
Enterpr Oil	1,800	Siebe	1,300
Forte	1,200	SmKl Bch	7,000
GKN	542	*Smith Nph*	1,400
GRE	2,200	Sthern Elec	577
GUS	1,700	Std Chartd	6,500
Gen Acc	731	Sun Allnce	2,700
Gen Elec	4,000	TI Gp	674
Glaxo Well	16,000	TSB	1,800
Granada	2,700	Tate & Lyle	787
Grand Met	7,400	Tesco	3,400
Guinness	1,800	Thames W	1,100
HSBC	3,600	Thrn EMI	320
Hanson	10,000	Tomkins	4,600
ICI	2,300	Unilever	2,300
Inchcape	269	Vodafone	2,400
Kingfisher	1,600	Whitbread	901
LASMO	5,600	Wilms Hld	579
Ladbroke	1,100	Wolseley	4,100
Land Secs	1,200	Zeneca	1,500

	Oct 24 midday	Oct 23 close
AMP Inc	40¼	40¼
AMR Corp	65¼	64¾
AT & T	61¼	61¾
Abbott Labs	40¼	40¾
Advanced Micro	27	27¼
Aetna Life	70¾	71¼
Ahmanson (HF)	25¼	26¼
Air Prod & Chem	50¼	50¾
Albertsons	34¼	34¼
Alcan Aluminum	30	28¼
Alco Standard	88¼	87¾
Allied Signal	42¾	42¾
Alum Co of Am	50¾	48¾
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5⅞
Amerada Hess	44¼	44¾
Amer Brands	40¼	41½
Amer El Power	38½	38¾
Amer Express	41¾	41¾
Amer Genl Corp	35¼	35
Amer Home Pr	88¼	88¾
Amer Intl	83¼	85¼
Amer Stores	28¼	29¼
Ameritech	54¾	53¾
Amoco	64¼	63¾
Anheuser-Busch	64¼	64¾
Apple Computer	34¾	35¼
Archer Daniels	16¼	16¾
Armco	6¼	6¾
Armstrong Wrld	55¾	55¾
Asarco	30¾	30¾
Ashland Oil	33¼	33¾
Atl Richfield	106	105¾
Auto Data Pro	73¼	72¾
Avery Dennison	44¼	43¾
Avon Products	71¼	72¾
Baker Hughes	19¾	20¼
Baltim Gas & El	28¾	28¾
Banc One	35¾	36¼
BankAmerica	60¼	64
Bank of NY	43¾	44
Bankers Tr NY	63¼	64¾
Barnett Banks	58¼	59¼
Bausch & Lomb	36	36
Baxter Intl	39¼	40¼
Bectn Dickinson	65¼	66¾
Bell Atlantic	63¾	63¾
Bell Industries	21¾	21¾
BellSouth	35¾	35¾
Black & Decker	33¾	32¾
Block (H&R)	41¾	41¾
Boeing	66¼	66¾
Boise Cascade	36¾	35¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	77¾	77¾
Browning Ferris	31¼	31¾
Brunswick	19¾	19¾
Burlington Nthn	81¾	78¾
CBS	80¼	80¾
CNA Financial	114¾	116¾
CPC Intl	67¼	67¾
CSX	82¾	81¾
Campbell Soup	52¼	52¾
Can Pacific	15¾	15¾
Cpt Cities ABC	117¾	117¾
Carolina Pwr	33¼	32¾
Caterpillar	57	57¾
Centrl & SW	26¼	26¾
Champion Intl	51¾	51
Chase Manhat	59¾	60¾
Chemical Bk	58¼	59¾
Chevron Corp	47¾	47¾
Chrysler	52¾	53
Chubb Corp	92¾	93¾
Cigna Corp	98	100¾
Citicorp	66¾	67¾
Clorox	73¾	73
Coastal Corp	32¾	32¾
Coca Cola	72¾	72
Colgate-Palmolive	70¾	70¾
Columbia Gas	38¾	38¾
Compaq Comp	54¾	54¾
Comp Asr Int	51¾	50¾
Conagra	37¾	37¾
Conrail	69¾	69
Cons Edison	30¾	30¾
Cons Nat Gas	38¾	39¾
Cooper Inds	33¾	33¾
Corestates	38¾	38¾
Corning Inc	27¾	26¾
Crown Cork	35¾	34¾
Dana Corp	26¾	26¾
Dayton Hudson	73¾	72¾
Deere	89	88¾
Delta Air Lines	66¾	65
Deluxe Corp	30¾	31¾
Detroit Edison	33¾	33¾
Digital Equip	53¾	52¾
Dillard Dept St	29¾	29¾
Disney (Walt)	57¾	57
Dominion Res	40	40¾
Donnelley (RR)	39¾	37¾
Dover Corp	39	39
Dow Chemical	71¾	71
Dow Jones	34¾	34¾
Dresser	21¾	22
Duke Power	43¾	44¾
Dun & Bradstreet	59¾	59¾
Du Pont	65¾	65¾
Eastman Kodak	62¾	65¾
Eaton Corp	53¾	53¾
Emerson Elec	71¾	71¾

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Engelhard Corp	25	25
Enron Corp	35¼	36
Entergy	28¾	28¾
Ethyl Corp	11¼	11¾
Exxon	75¾	75
FMC Corp	72	71¾
FPL Group	42	41¾
Federal Express	84¾	80¾
Fed Nat Mrge	103	103¾
First Chicago	70¾	70¾
First Interstate	130¾	129¾
First Union Rlty	7¾	7
Fleet Finl Grp	40¼	40¾
Fluor Corp	55¾	56¾
Ford Motor	29¾	29¾
GTE Corp	40¾	41¾
Gannett	54¾	54¾
Gap Inc Del	37¾	37¾
Gen Dynamics	55¾	55¾
Gen Electric	63¾	63¾
Gen Mills	57¾	57¾
Gen Motors	44¾	44¾
Gen Reinsurance	146¾	147¾
Gen Signal	31¾	31¾
Genuine Parts	40	39¾
Georgia Pac	82¾	82¾
Gillette	48¾	48¾
Glaxo Welle ADR	27	26¾
Goodrich (BF)	65¾	65
Goodyear Tire	39¾	39¾
Grace (WR)	58¾	58¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	22¾	21¾
Great West Fin	23¾	24
Halliburton	43¾	42¾
Harcourt General	40¾	41¾
Heinz (HJ)	46¾	46¾
Hercules	53¾	55¾
Hershey Foods	62	61¾
Hewlett Packard	90¾	91¾
Hilton Hotels	66	68
Home Depot	37¾	38¾
Homestake Mng	15¾	15¾
Honeywell	43¾	43¾
Household Intl	60¾	61¾
Houston Inds	47	46¾
Humana	21¾	20¾
ITT Corp	123¾	123¾
Illinois Tool	57¾	57¾
Illinova	28¾	28¾
INCO	31	29¾
Ingersoll Rand	35¾	36
Inland Steel	23¾	22¾
Intel Corp	68	69¾
IBM	97¾	98¾
Intl Flav & Fr	48¾	47¾
Intl Paper	37	36¾
James River Va	33¾	33¾
Johnson & Johnson	81¾	80¾
Kellogg	73¾	73¾
Kerr-McGee	54¾	54¾
Kimberly-Clark	71¾	71¾
Kmart	9¾	9¾
Knight-Ridder	57¾	57
Lilly (Eli)	94¾	94
Limited Inc	20¾	20¾
Lincoln Nat	46	45¾
Litton	40¾	40¾
Liz Claiborne	26¾	25¾
Lockheed Martin	68¾	68¾
Louisiana Pac	23¾	23¾
MCI Comm	24¾	26
Marriott Int	37¾	38
Marsh & McLen	82¾	82¾
Masco Corp	27¾	27¾
May Dept St	39¾	39¾
Maytag Corp	18¾	18¾
McDonalds	40¾	40¾
McDonnell D	82¾	83¾
McGraw Hill	80¾	80¾
Mead Corp	59¾	55¾
Medtronic	57	58¾
Mellon Bk	51¾	52
Melville Corp	33¾	34¾
Merck Inc	59¾	59¾
Merrill Lynch	57¾	58¾
Microsoft	97¾	96¾
Minnesota Mine	58	58¾
Mobil Corp	102¾	101¾
Monsanto	102¾	101¾
Morgan (JP)	77¾	78¾
Motorola Inc	65¾	65¾
Natl Semd	26¾	27
Natl Service Ind	30¾	31
Navistar Int	9¾	9¾
NBD Bancorp	39¾	39¾
NY Times A	29¾	29¾
Newmont Mng	39¾	39¾
Niag Mohawk	11	11¾
Nike B	112¾	111¾
NL Industries	13¾	14¾
Noram Energy	7¾	7¾
Nordstrom	37¾	37¾
Norfolk Sthrn	77	75¾
Nthn State Pwr	47¾	47¾
Norwest Corp	31	32
Nynex Corp	47¾	47¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	23¾	23¾
Oracle	47¾	45¾
Oryx Energy Co	11¾	11¾

	Oct 24 midday	Oct 23 close
Owens Corning	43¾	43¾
PPG Industries	43¾	43¾
PNC Bank	28¾	27¾
PP&L Res	23¾	23¾
Paccar Inc	44¾	44¾
Pacificorp	19	19¾
Pac Enterprises	25¾	25¾
Pac Gas & Elect	30	30¾
Pac Telesis	29¾	29¾
Pall Corp	24¾	24¾
Panhandle East	26¾	26¾
Pecs Energy	29¾	28¾
Penney (JC)	45¾	45¾
Pennzoil	39¾	40¾
Pepsico	52¾	52¾
Pfizer	60¾	59¾
Phelps Dodge	62¾	60¾
Philip Morris	84¾	84¾
Phillips Pet	31¾	31¾
Pitney Bowes	42¾	42¾
Polaroid	42¾	40¾
PriceCostco	17¾	17¾
Procter & Gmbl	81¾	81
Providian	40¾	42
Pub Serv E & G	29¾	28¾
Quaker Oats	33¾	33¾
Ralston Purina	60	59¾
Raychem Corp	44¾	43¾
Raytheon	43¾	43¾
Reebok Intl	35¾	35¾
Reynolds Metals	51	49¾
Roadway Srvcs	45¾	48¾
Rockwell Intl	43¾	43¾
Rohm & Haas	53¾	55¾
Royal Dutch	122¾	121¾
Rubbermaid	28¾	28¾
SBC Comms	55¾	55¾
Safeco Corp	67¾	67¾
St Paul's Cos	54¾	54¾
Salomon Inc	36¾	36¾
Sara Lee Corp	29¾	29¾
Scecorp	17¾	17¾
Schering Plough	53¾	53¾
Schlumberger	62¾	63
Scott Paper	51¾	51¾
Seagram	35	34¾
Sears Roebuck	34¾	35¾
Shell Trans	70¾	70¾
Sherwin Wilms	36¾	36¾
Skyline Corp	17¾	18
Snap-On-Tools	41¾	41¾
Southern Co	24¾	24¾
Sprint Corp	37¾	37¾
Stanley Works	45¾	46¾
Sun Company	27¾	27¾
Sun Microsys	73¾	73
Suntrust	66¾	67
Supervalu	30¾	30¾
Sysco Corp	30¾	30¾
TRW Inc	69	68¾
TCC Inds	2¾	2¾
Tandem Comp	11¾	11
Tandy Corp	52¾	53¾
Teledyne	25¾	25¾
Temple Inland	49¾	49¾
Tenneco	45¾	45¾
Texaco	68	67
Texas Inst	71	71
Texas Utilities	36¾	36¾
Textron	65¾	65¾
Time Warner	37¾	37¾
Times-Mirror A	29¾	29¾
Timken	39¾	41¾
Torchmark	43	43¾
Toys R Us	24	24¾
Transamerica	68¾	68¾
Travelers	49¾	49¾
Tribune	63¾	63¾
Tyco Labs	61¾	62
UST Inc	29¾	29¾
UAL	177	176¾
US Inds	15¾	15¾
USX Marathon	18¾	18¾
Unicom	32¾	32¾
Unilever NV	130¾	129
Union Camp	50¾	51¾
Union Carbide	39¾	39
Union Pacific	66¾	65¾
Unisys Corp	6¾	7¾
USAir Group	12¾	13¾
USF&G Corp	18¾	17¾
US Life	29¾	29¾
US West	47¾	47¾
United Tech	89¾	89¾
Unocal Corp	26¾	27
Upjohn	48	47¾
VF Corp	47¾	48
WMX Tech	28¾	28¾
Wal-Mart Stores	22¾	22¾
Warner-Lambert	83¾	83¾
Wells Fargo	219¾	216¾
Westinghouse El	14¾	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	45¾	46¾
Whirlpool	52¾	52¾
Whitman	21¾	21¾
Winn Dixie	68¾	68¾
Woolworth	13¾	13¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	50	49¾
Xerox	128¾	130¾
Yellow Corp	13¾	13¾

THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Not smoke-free or free smokes

JOHN CHALSTREY, the incoming Lord Mayor of the City of London who takes over on November 10, admits that he is not an expert in financial matters. But as a consultant surgeon at the City's historic Bart's hospital, he knows a thing or two about health. He says: "During my years in office I would like to persuade the people of the City to take more care of themselves — to think about their weight, healthy eating, giving up smoking and taking more recreation." He will not be going to ban smoking at official functions, but cigars and cigarettes will not be offered "and there won't be many ashtrays about". Mr Chalstrey, a spry 64, says a ban would be undemocratic, but it will be discouraged. "If you want to smoke you will have to bring out your own."

Gold putter

IT WILL be the biggest tussle seen at Stoke Poges Golf Club since James Bond took on and beat arch villain Goldfinger on the hallowed greens. That was back in 1964. The City Diary Square Mile Golf Challenge, at Stoke Poges today, will be friendlier, although no less competitive. The Square Mile Golf Challenge has attracted Prudential, BP, General Electric, KPMG, the accountant, Oyez, the stationery group, and Dictaphone. More than 30 teams will tee-off and the winner qualifies for a place in the draw for next year's regional final of *The Times*/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge.



The man from the Pru

New money

IT IS strange to hear German central bankers praising Italian monetary management as the lira is collapsing and as doubts are growing about EMU. Yet that is what Otmar Issing, the Bundesbank director, was doing before members of the Buenos Aires stock exchange this week. He recalled that the Romans successfully operated a single currency, which allowed Rhineland merchants in the first century AD to pay their bills across Europe with the same coin, the denarius. The new ecu?

Stepping down

PAUL TISCH, currently chief executive of Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the UK securities subsidiary of Société Générale, has decided to take early retirement and will be stepping down at the end of this year. Frenchman Patrick Pagni, who has been with Société Générale since 1970, will become chief executive of SGST from January 1, combining his existing role as UK general manager of Société Générale's London branch.

Second chance

FRESH from parting company with Ivor Jones, Roy, the second biggest South African broker SBC Warburg has found a more willing candidate. It has bought JD Anderson, one of the top ten firms. Meanwhile, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell is poised to announce its 50 per cent acquisition of a South African broker. The target? Ivor Jones, Roy.



ROSS TIEMAN

The Government must attract inward investment while spreading the benefits widely to avoid rapid migration from countryside to city

Vietnam's colonial past comes back to benefit the French

Ross Tieman finds France winning the battle for hearts and minds as former Saigon opens for trade

Shan Chi Lan has a little bookstall opposite the Continental Hotel, where Graham Greene chronicled the dying days of French rule in Vietnam in his classic novel *The Quiet American*. Most of her sales are to tourists, French and American in the main, who are rediscovering Ho Chi Minh City, once better known as Saigon. But amid the guidebooks and histories there is a new section for a new era: pirated copies of booklets on investment in Vietnam by KPMG and Price Waterhouse.

Progress by Vietnam's Communist Government in opening the economy to foreign business is hesitant. Joint ventures remain obligatory, the legal framework opaque and red tape entangles every new project. But with the Elysée straining every sinew in their aid, French companies are showing a remarkable determination to rebuild businesses in the country that was once the pride of the French empire.

The defeat of the French army by North Vietnamese forces at Dien Bien Phu in 1954 has left a scar on the French national psyche. But deeper still runs a fascination with one of the most beguiling countries in the Orient, a nascent market of 72 million where many hallmarks of French culture, from baguettes to Tin Tin cartoons, have taken root and flourished.

The drive to rebuild the special relationship between France and its former colony does not come, from France alone. In the past few years, the shackles of communist control over daily life and contact with foreigners have slackened. Expatriate workers no longer have a spy at their gate and a tap on their telephone. Many educated Vietnamese speak French with formidable correctness. Middle-aged cafe owners reveal a command of the language previously concealed behind a mask of political correctness. Schoolchildren practice on foreigners at every opportunity.

The new *entente cordiale* stems in part from a sense of shared cultural inheritance. But it is also based on a profound faith in French technology and past experience of the sheer dedication of French commitment to Indochina. Americans are also welcomed. But it was the French who built the roads, the railway and the ports, and who introduced the Vietnamese to modern science.

Eric Planchon, a paratrooper turned entrepreneur who headed the Vietnamese operations of Rhône-Poulenc, the French chemical company, for the first half of this decade, says: "The Vietnamese adore — and adore is the right word — French pharmaceutical products." By his reckoning, half of all pharmaceutical products sold in Vietnam come from France.

Medicine is not the only area where the Vietnamese trust their lives to French technology. In spite of passenger growth of 36 per cent a year for the past three years, Vietnam Airlines' fleet of ageing Tupolev 134s stands idle on the tarmac at Tan Son Nhat airport on the outskirts of Ho Chi Minh City.

The Russian aircraft have been replaced with jets from Airbus Industrie and turboprops from the neighbouring Toulouse factory of ATR. Vietnam Airlines is negotiating a follow-on deal to lease ten A320 planes.

Training and technical support for the rapid expansion and modernisation of Vietnam Airlines have come in a massive aid package from Air France, the French state carrier. Almost 100 Air France staff have been seconded to Vietnam Airlines, and 200 dependents have joined them in Ho Chi Minh.

The Hotel Majestic, fronting the Saigon River at the bottom of Dong Khoi, has been restored to immaculate art deco splendour, using authentic fittings imported from Paris. The French expatriate community in Vietnam's commercial capital has risen to 950. More telling still: in the past four years, the number of pupils at the French school in Ho Chi Minh has risen from 25 to 264. Expatriates do not move their children from school to school lightly. The French are here for the long haul. Only two French companies succeeded in staying through three decades of conflict and the years of austerity that followed. Their experience is enlightening.



Planchon: entrepreneur

Total, the oil group, has drawn up detailed plans to build a refinery at Vung Tau, at the mouth of the Saigon River. Vietnam has modest oil reserves, producing about 7 million tonnes of oil a year. But because the country has only a tiny refinery, virtually all the oil is exported, while fuel imports weigh heavily on the balance of payments. Total has put its plans on hold, however, because the Vietnamese Government will not give approval unless the refinery is built at Dung Quat, more than 500kms north of both the main market and the reserves in the south Con Son Basin and the Mekong Basin.

This kind of difficulty is not uncommon. To hang onto power, the Communist Government has to attract inward investment and achieve rapid economic expansion. But it also has to spread the benefits widely, to avoid a widening prosperity gap that would trigger rapid migration of farmers, some 60 per cent of the worforce, to the towns.

A study by the Economist Intelligence Unit concluded that Vietnam's leaders have a tough choice. If they focus on export-oriented industries, they could achieve annual growth rates of 9.3 per cent for the rest of the decade. But if they try to make sure the rural areas benefit too, growth could be slowed to 6.3 per cent a year.

Recent delays in the process of reform suggest the latter course may be preferred. If so, Rhône-Poulenc is well placed. It started selling pharmaceuticals in Vietnam as long ago as 1938. But it was not until 1962 that Vinaspecia, a Vietnamese-controlled joint venture company to manufacture drugs, was established in Saigon. After the American withdrawal in 1975, Rhône-Poulenc, as one of the few western companies remaining, acted as sales agent for products ranging from Peugeot cars to Otis lifts.

But in 1990, M Planchon was despatched from France to refocus the business on Rhône-Poulenc products of relevance to Vietnam: pharmaceuticals, insecticides and chemicals.

After three years of negotiations, in which Rhône-Poulenc threatened to pull out of the Ho Chi Minh drugs factory, the company succeeded in creating a new pharmaceutical joint venture in which it owns 70 per cent of the shares. Comforted by a new 20-year sales licence, Rhône-Poulenc plans to rebuild the plant.

After experiments on rice crops in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam has become the first country to license the use of the French company's new "miracle" insecticide, Fipronil. Because of its focus on products that will improve the lot of Vietnam's 72 million people, Rhône-Poulenc has been growing sales fast from a tiny base.

The Taiwanese, Koreans, Singaporeans and Australian investors are in the vanguard, with American companies now joining the race. By the end of September, 1,280 foreign-sponsored projects, requiring investment of $17.3 billion, had been licensed to operate in Vietnam. But on the streets of Ho Chi Minh, the French are leading the way.



ANTHONY HARRIS

Mystery of the counterfeit greenbacks

When is a counterfeit not a counterfeit? When it is perfect. And when is it a blinding headache? When it is very nearly perfect — a ghost currency. Only those with (near) second sight can see it, but everyone knows it is there. In principle, that is; because even those who do know it is there do not know how much there is. Which brings us to the fake hundred dollar bill, or Supernote, as it is known in the annals of crime. And what is crime doing in this column? Read on.

The story begins in the 1980s, when one or more of the warring factions in Lebanon began printing some not very convincing dollar forgeries to pay for armaments. That alerted the Secret Service, and 11 years ago the Treasury decided to redesign the greenback to make it harder to forge (starting a long saga to which we will return). Meanwhile, the forgers decided that they, too, could do better; and it is thought that it is in 1990 that the first Supernotes appeared. They are indeed virtually undetectable; which is one reason the US Treasury has been able to maintain an almost solid pretence that they don't exist.

All the same, in 1992 the Treasury learned for certain of their production, possibly in Syria now. Two Lebanese drug traffickers alerted them as part of a plea bargain: they spoke of industrial-scale forgery — $10 billion? Who knows. And another thing had happened in 1990: the former Soviet monetary system collapsed. The dollar, which was always drug money, became the currency of choice for the Russian mafia, and many respectable citizens too. US banks have been shipping good $100 bills by the crate-load to satisfy Russian and other ex-Communist demand — $20 billion a year to Moscow alone. The Russions estimate that $4 billion now circulating are Supernotes.

A problem, not a crisis; for total foreign holdings of US currency are now of the order of $200 billion. This has taken some years to build, so the demand has not been nearly enough to finance the US current account deficit; but it has made a satisfying, interest-free contribution. Good business for Uncle Sam. But not any more, it seems. Foreign demand for greenbacks has recently fallen so far that US currency growth is down from a 6.3 per cent annual rate to 1.3 per cent. This has already fooled some monetarist forecasters, which will hardly worry anybody else; but there could be a very real problem if foreign holders not only lose their appetite, but start converting their dollars into some less easily forged currency.

Here is potential crisis. Was this the forgers' real aim all along? Some conspiracy theorists believe so, and there is a precedent: German wartime production of quality Bank of England fivers, which happily never got into circulation. But the irony is that it was not the forgers who provoked it, but the US Treasury itself.

Back to the 1980s problem, and its long-delayed solution: the specification for a more secure greenback called for special paper with an embedded thread. Portals, the British papermakers, offered to supply it, but Congress could not stomach the idea of dollars printed on imported paper. It was not until 1989 that a US suppliers was ready to produce, and then came the design debates. Only now has the Treasury announced that the new note will come out — next year; and that seems to have done the damage.

When any other country announces a new note issue, it calls in the old one; in Russia, indeed, this has been a routine way to smoke out criminals. This is not the US practice, but the idea is now creeping out. You or I may not be able to tell a Supernote from a greenback; but perhaps the Americans can. So will my bill be accepted? Safer to hold something else. The US Treasury might have done better to forget counter-measures, and permit a little competition in bill-printing.

Pru banks on its reputation as it joins the life fightback

Patricia Tehan assesses the Prudential's desire to become a bank

If the Prudential were to have become a character in one of its own advertising campaigns yesterday it would have been heard proclaiming "I want to be a bank". While it is still waiting for formal approval from the Bank of England, the UK's largest life insurance and investment group would appear to have got its wish.

It is seeking a banking licence and plans to begin operating a telephone-based, branchless deposit and mortgage lending operation at the end of next year.

Seen as part of the rapid consolidation of the UK financial services market, the move is also part of the growing attempt by life companies to fight back against banks and building societies whose "bancassurance" operations have made huge inroads into the life assurance market.

TSB is credited with having started the bancassurance ball rolling, with significant results in the late 1970s.

Lloyds followed suit in 1988 when it bought a 60 per cent stake in Abbey Life and merged it with five Lloyds businesses to create Lloyds Abbey Life. Yesterday's announcement also highlights the increasing willingness of financial services customers to do business by telephone. Direct Line, the telephone-based insurance company owned by Royal Bank of Scotland, received a licence from the Bank of England to offer deposit and bank accounts in June.



Peter Davis, left, with Michael Harris, right, the Pru's head of banking, and Jim Suteliffe, chief executive

Like Direct Line, the Pru said yesterday it would be limiting itself to savings products and had no plans in the short term for a current account. Direct Line Financial Services began offering unsecured personal loans last year and this year launched a mortgage service.

Scottish Widows, the mutual life insurer, also received a banking licence this year and in May started offering a range of four liquid savings products. As with the Pru's plans, the deposit accounts are not intended to replace current bank accounts.

The Pru's deposit accounts will be telephone and postal accounts. The Pru describes its planned operation as a "direct banking service", though, in fact, the service will be more of a direct building society than a bank. The Prudential move follows hints dropped by Peter Davis, its chief executive, last month when he unveiled its first-half results. He stressed the importance for life companies of flexible products.

Although the life industry has been depressed by the publicity surrounding pensions misselling and by a lack of consumer confidence in financial services, analysts believe that life companies are not tarnished by the negative feelings many customers have about their banks.

The Pru has a salesforce of 6,500 that will be the means of promoting the new deposit accounts and will sell new Prudential mortgages. It has more than six million customers in the UK who have a range of medium and long-term savings products. A short-term savings account was the next logical step.

It is a low-cost move. The Pru estimates the cost at £20 million this year and £50 million in 1996 in investment in equipment, office space and training. The fact that it does not have the cost of a branch network should help it to offer competitive deposit rates.

The Pru has a strong brand name. Assuming customers feel well-treated by the Pru during the life of their insurance policy, its image as a solid and reliable provider of advice will provide its salesforce with a powerful argument when they go knocking on doors with a whole new range of services to sell next year.

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Modest gains at the close

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2575	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2668½	- 40½	4.9	9.8
577½	413	Abbey Nat	551	- 1½	4.4	11.0
330	250	Allied Irish	323	+ 2	4.5	9.4
280	198	Ars New Z	269	- 5	5.1	8.2
4075	2531½	Bank America	4068½	+ 31½		
270½	191½	Bank Scotland†	258	+ 2½	5.0	11.4
778	557½	Barclays	742	+ 2½	3.8	10.1
426	288	Bk of Ireland	423		3.8	8.5
525	418	Cater Allen	483		7.5	7.3
4662½	2450	Citicorp	4262½	- 81½		
340½	216½	Close Bros▼	316		3.4	
£162½	£129½	Commerzbk	£159½	- 17½	3.7	
1375	933½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1137½	- 18½	0.5	
3231½	2775	Deutsche Bk	2971½	- 71½	2.6	
881½	612½	Espirito Santo	712½		11.6	
1611	1172½	Fuji Bank Y	1249½	- 11½	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	448		6.3	14.5
253	180	Hambros	202	- 1	4.6	50.9
963	583	HSBC†	939½	+ 6½	3.8	12.2
947	578	HSBC Hk	923	- 4½	3.9	12.0
336	238	Irish Perm	334		3.6	7.7
463	253	Joseph (L)	423		5.2	23.6
145	65	King Shaxson	127		8.9	9.9
792½	530	Lloyds	771	- 4	4.1	11.8
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	545	- 12	6.8	8.6
669	454	Nat West	651½	+ 14½	4.4	10.1
3600	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500		6.5	3.4
57	44	Rea Brothers	45		2.8	18.0
569½	372½	Ryl Bk Scot	517	- 7	3.5	12.4
1478	906½	Schroders†	1363		1.3	19.4
1180	822½	Schroders N/V†	1113		1.6	15.9
110	81	Singer & Fried	106		4.4	11.0
529½	246	Stand Chart	409	- 14	2.3	12.5
377	217	TSB	369		3.2	15.5
121	70	Union	105	- 4	3.6	
£145½	9043½	Wells Fargo	£137½	- 400	2.1	
269½	211	Westpac	258½	- 1½	2.2	
295	200	Wintrust	275		4.8	16.9

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
231	143	Arcol Hldgs	216	- 1		0.4
689	487	Bass	654	- 1	4.1	15.8
412	239	Boddington	400	- 1	2.8	20.6
192	137	Bulmer	186	- 5	3.6	17.3
195	137	Eldridge P 'A'	172		3.1	20.9
61	51	Foster's Brewing	58	- 2	5.1	
433	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	408		2.6	17.5
527	402	Greenalls Gp	478	- 1	3.5	13.8
658	468	Greene King	641		2.7	17.2
284	240	Hardy Hanson	275		4.4	12.9
160	150	Heavitree	155		4.5	10.9
3425	3049	HoF JJ	3183		2.1	16.6
347	219	Marsfield	323		2.0	17.3
321	266	Marston Thmp	364		2.7	15.2
543	391½	Morland	528	- 2	2.6	16.2
8½	6½	Paramount	6½		4.2	
605	307	Regent Inns	584		1.5	23.0
2081½	1237½	SA Breweries	2068½		1.7	
624	382	Scot & New	587	- 2	3.9	15.8
337	226	Scot & New P/P	330			
309	211	Vaux Group	262½	- 1½	4.7	14.8
537	448	Wetherspoon JD†	630		1.6	
647	521	Whitbread	610	- 1	4.1	15.8
595	483	Wolvrhmptn D	531	- 4	3.3	13.7
290	186	Yates Bros	269		1.4	27.0
475	425	Young 'A'	455		4.1	20.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	135		4.9	8.8
198	143	Allen	176		2.9	13.1
76	56	Amec	57		6.6	12.0
250	153	Andrews Sykes	233	- 1		
490	412	Arcadae	425		2.2	14.0
105	50	Avonside†	52	- 1	7.9	8.3
38	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	26½		6.0	6.4
41½	30½	Barcona▲	36			
207½	158	Barratt Devst	191	- 1	4.9	
159	122	Beazer Homest	155		4.7	11.1
254	180	Bellway	229		4.0	11.7
37	15	Bellwinch	16		1.6	9.6
421	315	Berkeley Gp	408	- 2	2.4	12.7
135	162	Bell Bros	167		3.7	5.2
245	195	Boot (Henry)	204		4.4	9.6
124	39½	Brandon Hire	96		3.0	17.0
45	23	Britannia Grp	28		7.1	5.5
160	41	Br Bldg & Eng	41		24.4	5.7
134	104	Bryant	104		6.1	
121	98	CALA†	114		3.5	11.0
38	25	Campell & Arm	25			
64	49	Clarke T	52		9.8	18.6
242½	67	Costain	73	- 1		
110	59	Countryside	59		8.9	8.4
81	43	Crest Nicholson	44	- ½	5.7	6.2
98	70	Cussins	70		6.8	6.1
293	165	Eve Group	175		7.9	9.4
29	13	Galliford	16		7.8	
863	748	Gleeson (MJ)	750		2.5	
86	61	Green (Ernest)	61		10.5	
266	178	Havelock Euro	266		1.5	22.3
158	115	Hewden-Stuart	124	- 1	2.9	13.2
93	73	Higgs & Hill†	76	- 1	4.1	64.6
22	14	Howard Hldgs	15		6.7	17.5
29½	8½	Jarvis	23½			
137	98	Kellen†	131		3.7	12.7
231	185	Laing (J)	187		5.1	27.4
97	32	Laing 6.4% Cv Pft	91		8.8	
61	12	Lovell (Y.J.)	14		8.9	14
210	178	Maunders (J)	178		4.0	
131	104	McAlpine (Alf)	126		6.0	14.4
62	48	McCarthy & S	54			15.2
78	51	Morgan Sindall	73		1.5	
121	116	Morrison Cons	116		3.2	11.4
106	53½	Mowlem (J)	54		4.6	26.9
216	162	Persimmon	162	- 2	3.3	11.2
2400	1809½	Pochin	1818½		2.2	
126	95	Prowting	95		5.0	12.2
53	20	Rand Ind	22		14.2	4.6
53	45	Secure Retire	49		2.6	9.3
128	93	Redrow†	110		3.6	
398	362	Sheriff Hldgs	369		2.1	13.5
112½	78	Shorco	79		6.3	12.1
368	258	Spender	343		1.0	21.8
176	145	Tay Homes†	147		6.0	
130	103	Taylor Woodrw†	107		2.6	28.4
568	424	Tilbury Douglas†	424		8.7	14.5
59½	34	Torop Hse	34	- 2	4.8	14.5
23	6	Trencherwood	8			
20	9½	Try Group	10		6.2	14.0
109	79	Vibroplant	90		5.6	7.1
115	93	Wainhomes	100		5.6	9.3
60	37	Ward Hldgs	44		4.3	9.8
168	123	Westbury	155		4.6	12.2
5½	2½	Wiggins	3½			
174	124	Wilson (C)	141	- 1	4.0	10.4
372	309	Wilson Bowdn†	329	- 3	3.8	13.0
138	101	Wimpey Gr	102		6.7	14.8

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
12	7½	Abingdon	12		1.0	
440	311½	Aumac▼	438	+ 6	2.2	16.9
342	267½	BPB Ind	276	+ 1	4.1	13.5
135	77	Bagendge Brk	97	- 2	4.0	9.2
76	35	Barcom	37		9.3	14.2
76	38	Brockleys	40		1.2	
333	255	Blue Circle†	284		5.2	12.9
		Breedon PLC†	78		7.7	13.9
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BUSINESS SERVICES

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CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
198	154	Akzo? [illegible]	153		4.7	
137	109	Allied Colloids	133		2.4	18.9
	116	Amber Ind				
£167½	£129½	BASF DM	£160½	- 90½		
675	521	BOC	683	- 1	3.5	17.9
302	236	BTP	272		3.0	15.1
£171½	£141½	Bayer DM	2182½	- 75		
165	103	Blagden				
173	92	Brent Chemic	74	- 2	4.2	13.0
487½	351	Courtaulds				
287	320	Croda				
253	125	Deelite				
213	114	Ellis & Everard	256			
213	114	Evode		- 4		
145	105	Hardcast	109	- 1	3.2	10.4
£102½	£123½	Hoechst	£152	+ 140½		
201½	185	Holliday Chem	134	- 5		13.5
949½	569	ICI	755	- 5		
360	188½	Inspec	259			
159	97½	Kalon				
832	620	Laporte†				
85	71	MTM				
335	293	Manders†	336			
62	30	Mentmore	44			
616	332½	Mondeal	394	- 6½	5.9	
425	277½	Pihlar	412		1.5	20.1
250	198	Scapa	223	- 1		
34	16	Suscliffe Spale	32			
917½	695½	Zeneca Chem	899½	- 17½	1.8	12.1
256	186	Wellington Hldg	248		2.4	19.0
1058	728	Wonham RT	1023		2.7	17.4
374	279	Yorks Chem	306	- 2	3.2	15.0
345	296	Yule Catto	327		2.6	17.3

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
113½	89½	ABI Leis	100		5.2	11.5
595	535	Adam & Harvey	550		4.0	6.5
21	14	Alexanders	14		6.2	23.0
113	88	Appleyard	105		2.1	11.3
3½		Arc Br Eng	3½		2.1	39.5
623	518	BSS Group	579	- 3	4.2	16.7
46	28	Baird	35	- 1		
24½	16	Beaming Power	17		7.4	8.4
29	18	Bogod 'A'	28		3.1	10.0
483	345	Brammer†	462	- 1	3.7	17.2
21	10½	Brdford Gp	17		1.5	
96	79	Bull Fransct	90		4.4	13.6
270	215	Caffyns	253		5.7	18.0
88	54	Central Mtr	68		5.1	18.5
60	35	Cear (DC)	58		3.2	8.5
320½	220	Cowie	302	- 3	3.9	13.0
155	125	Dal Motorst	138		6.5	11.4
598	514	Dennicis B	514	- 4	1.9	11.3
501	406	Diploma	419	- 1	4.2	13.8
332½	236	Electrocomponents	308	- 7	2.3	22.4
247	153	Europ. Elec	232		2.3	16.0
235	125	Eurobulb	125		7.8	7.5
120	87	European Mtr	107	- 1	5.8	9.2
449	364	Evans Halshaw	413	- 3	4.7	12.8
695	512	Farnell Elect	661	- 7	1.9	19.2
72	48	Fife Indmar	66		6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardiner	20½		4.9	9.1
31	16	Glenchewton	29		1.3	
108	61	Gowringst	87		3.2	14.5
178	148	Hartz (Philip)	165	- 1	5.4	11.4
189	142	Headlam†	186		2.3	16.3
554	258	Henlys	512	- 2	2.4	19.0
119	81	Holders Tech	119	+ 5	6.3	22.6
148	88	ISA Int	147		1.4	16.0
430	274	Inchcape†	310	- 2	6.0	26.1
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	61		1.5	11.6
167	142	Kwik-Fit	153		3.1	16.6
358½	264½	Lex Service	336		6.4	17.9
195	148	Lookers	148	- 1	6.4	8.2
22	9	Mattys Grp	10½		5.9	13.8
8½	5	Middleton	8		0.8	18.9
71	37	Molynx	27	- 2		4.2
503	330	Norbain†	494		1.3	17.0
212	78	Normans	211	+ 16	1.0	16.9
155	137	PCT†	137		7.0	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	281½		3.7	14.7
166	123	Perry Grp	164	- 1	5.8	12.4
146	126	Quicks Group†	143		5.0	12.2
183	160	REA	161		3.1	19.2
3½	2½	Reece	2½			
73	48	Ronson	53	- ½	2.9	10.8
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3½			
63½	37½	SEP Ind	60½	- ½	2.5	20.2
17½	10	Saltire	12½	- ½		7.1
74½	38	TLS	66	- 1	3.5	11.2
296	226	Time Products	258		4.5	14.9
375	151	Vardy (Reg)	368		2.7	17.0
303	240	Wholesale Ftgs	302		4.8	18.9
80	62½	Whitshaw	73	- ½	1.3	19.0
90	56½	Whatt	90		1.7	
91	68	Young (H)	89		5.1	13.6

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
175	144	Airwecst	144	- 1	6.8	
353	335	Antofagasta	315		1.8	14.7
940	728½	Broken Hill	838	- 14	2.8	
348	291	BTR†	320		5.4	13.9
564	405	BAT†	532	+ 3	5.3	13.4
270½	156	Benslord	155		1.2	41.0
137	71	Bibby (J)	118	- 1	6.1	21.9
51	43½	Brierley Inv	43½		8.2	2.7
948	743	Charter†	854	- 3	3.7	13.8
297	185	Cookson†	290	- 4	3.1	18.4
153	100	Grampian Hdgt	144	- 2	5.1	16.2
243½	191½	Hanson	194½	+ 1	7.7	10.6
162½	135	Harrisn Crsfld†	152		7.4	16.1
369½	200½	Hutch Whamp	348½	- 2	2.2	19.1
584½	398½	Jardine Mtch	404½	- 17½	3.9	8.3
37	26	Jourdan (T)	26		6.1	6.9
171	134	Lonrho	161		3.5	22
171	113	McLeod Russel	151		5.1	15.2
44	34	Porte Cradon	38			14.2
601	447	Powell Duffryn	584	- 2	5.3	15.6
152	123	Roxner	150		6.9	10.3
178	120	Sime Darby	159	- 2	2.9	14.9
230	164	Staveley	215		4.9	15.7
207	148	Suter	187	- 2	6.5	11.5
286	227	TI Group	270	- 5	2.6	15.2
262	214	Tomkins	252	- 2	4.3	14.6
76	18½	Trafalgar H	22½	+ ½	5.5	
295	295	Unitary	295		6.4	
390	315	Wardle Storeys	387	- 1	5.6	19.2
300	241	Wassall†	275		2.0	13.5
209	163	Whitecroft	178	+ 2	3.0	14.2
350	298½	Williams Hldg	317	- 6	5.4	14.8

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
905	554	East Midlands	880	- 1	4.1	11.9
977	535	Eastern Gp	974		3.6	13.0
937½	548	London Elec	924	- 5	3.9	12.3
1023	621	Manweb	1011	+ 1	3.9	13.8
988	563	Midlands	963	- 6	4.9	9.8
561	421½	National Power	485	- 3	4.0	10.8
271	158½	Nat Power P/P	196	- 3	3.8	10.7
989½	621½	Northern Elec	853	- 5	4.8	8.6
475	313	Nthn Ireland	475	+ 16	3.5	11.6
1147	611	Norweb	1135	+ 1	3.1	11.9
609	457½	PowerGen	566		3.3	11.6
299	176½	PowerGen (P/P)	254		3.2	12.5
379	305	Hydro-Elect	347	- 2	5.0	10.1
381	306	Scottish Power	360	+ 4	4.7	10.7
520	304	Seeboard	516	- 5	3.5	11.1
961	630	Sth Wales	916	- 1	4.2	9.5
974	605	Sth Western	900		4.0	10.6
976	548	Southern Elec	955	- 4	4.8	10.5
918	599	Yorkshire Elec	903	- 2	4.2	11.3

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
479	232	Acal	479	+ 1	1.9	19.2
159	17½	Acorn Comp	152	+ 5		
460	625	Admiral	780		1.3	20.4
261	195	Alba	256		2.6	17.5
288	12½	Amstradt	285	- 1		
41	30	Aren	32	- 1	2.9	12.8
126	77	Astec	115½	+ 1	1.9	13.0
485	116	Azlan	469	+ 1	0.8	37.6
364	272	BICC	274		5.7	16.1
290	225	Beales Hunter	234		5.4	12.5
523	430	Bick	520		2.9	16.7
433	284	Bowthorpe†	422		2.8	19.2
25½	17½	Bolton (AF) 'A'	20½	- ½	2.4	8.2
301	117	CML Micro	117	- 1	6.5	9.0
33	17	Channel Hldgs	17		1.1	6.6
25½	19	Chloride	23½		1.6	62.3
80	61	Clayhithe	70		5.4	17.4
208	105	Copyrapre	208		4.9	27.1
170	41½	Cray Elect	46	- 1	6.8	
648	461	Critchley	646	- 1	1.3	22.7
600	330	Dewhurst	575	- 3	0.4	35.9
533	404	Delta†	405		4.8	13.9
565	435	Domino	473	- 1	2.5	16.1
72	63	Dowding Mills	63	- 1	5.5	15.7
3250	1465	Dyson	3195		0.7	38.8
3337½	2740½	Electrolux 'B'	2998½	- 21½	4.1	4.6
34½	26	Emess	31			
1659½	850	Ericsson 'B'	1503½	- 12½	0.9	34.6
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ENGINEERING

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ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	23	AAF Inds	28	- 1		
294	133	Airflow Stream	270		3.7	6.2
48½	41	Armour	45		5.1	
528	440	Avon Rubber	523		4.0	19.8
291	181	BBA†	275	- 1	2.3	
72½	49½	BSG	62½	- 1	6.5	13.1
13	3½	Benson Group	4		3.8	
340	285	Bostrom	315		2.5	17.3
24	17	Boustead	19		6.6	
14	10	Cavendale	10½		3.4	6.8
357	277	ERF	281		2.0	16.5
503	370	First Tech	476		1.8	18.0
829½	543	GKN	776		3.6	15.9
3231½	2343½	General Mtr	2812½	- 143½	2.7	
1169	846	Honda Motor	1163	- 1½	0.4	
442	304	Laird	414		3.6	15.7
440	345	Lucas	405			
212	163	Lucas†	181	- 1	4.7	57.1
95	53	Mayflower†	94		2.2	24.5
200	150	Sytone	188	+ 2	3.5	17.5
197	140	T & N	160	- 6	4.7	
378	324	Trinity Hldgs	344		2.7	18.6

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
739	556	AB Food	705	- 2	2.8	14.6
267	205	Acatos & Hutch	247		4.6	9.4
56	38	Albert Fisher	51		9.5	12.0
267	195	Banks (S C)	261		4.6	13.2
387	330	Barr (AG)	333		2.9	14.9
40	15	Betsons Crisp	16			
445	372	Bouwari	373	- 1	7.6	19.0
47½	31	Borthwick	36		4.5	27.1
333	131	CPL Aromas	318	- 3	1.2	32.8
549	370	Cadbury-Schwt	525		3.6	18.8
295	235	Carrs Milling	271		2.8	10.3
188	145	Cranswick	188		2.4	12.9
163	93	Dalepak	135		2.0	17.8
434	379½	Dalgety†	422	- 5	6.5	12.7
67	33½	Daniels S	45		8.3	
251	208	Devro†	243		3.6	15.3
106	62	Everest	92	+ 2	5.4	8.3
20½	3½	Fameyfoot	19½			
78	47	Finlay (James)	57	+ 1	7.0	22.3
16	10	Global	16		4.2	10.9
505	400	Greencore	505		2.5	13.3
133	91	Hazlewood Fds	126	- 1	6.6	11.6
201	168	Hillsdown	166	- 1½	6.9	11.1
29½	22½	Hobson	23	+ ½	2.6	31.7
85	63	JLI Group	72		8.6	11.3
383	320	Linton Park	320	- 1	5.9	7.9
123	96	Mathews (BJ)	99		3.1	9.4
435	211	Nichols (JN)	230		3.4	14.8
186	176	Nthn Foods	186	+ 2	5.9	
14	8½	Nrtnsian Fd	13½			9.9
238	60	Pascoe's	117			
12½	9	Pundjaom (UR)	9½			
83	60	Perons Food	73			26.1
140	81	SeaPerfect	92			
147	84	Semi Farm	134	+ 2	3.2	10.7
78	60	Sims Food	66		2.2	12.8
479	312	Tate & Lyle	439	+ 1	4.1	9.1
408	204	Treats	317	- 4	2.1	14.3
440	333	Unigate	416	- 1	5.5	14.3
1308	1124	Unilever	1239	- 13	2.7	14.9
8543½	7200	Unilever (NV)	8237½	- 81½	3.1	12.1
368	259	Utd Biscuits†	281	- 3	5.5	17.8
44	33	WT Foods†	39		8.0	14.5
110	80	Yorkshire Food†	94	- 2	4.8	10.7

HEALTHCARE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1070	770	Amersham	979	- 6	2.2	19.3
102	43	Anagen	62			
207	175	Assoc Nursg	185		2.7	14.0
353	298	Bespak	322		2.9	22.5
88	60	Care Uk	67		0.6	17.2
190	71	Cebec	126	- 4		
265	156	Community Ht	261			
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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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INSURANCE

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS (continued)

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
213	172	Bankers†	206	+ 1½	2.4	
46½	28½	Baring Em Eu	41½	- ½		
353	300	Baring Tribne	340		2.5	
96	84½	Br Assets	91½	- ½	6.0	
97½	83	Br Empire Sec†	91½		1.4	
37½	25	Br Empire Wt	31½			
233	195	Br Inv	220	- 1	3.0	
101	73½	Brazman	73	- 1½		
262½	211	Brunner	249		2.9	
136	119	BZW Conv	119½		8.2	
473	318	Candover†	470		3.4	
53	34½	Cartal Euro Gwth	42½		1.3	
165	134	Dana & Eastern	177	- 3	2.5	
188	161	Cont Assel	177	+ 1	2.1	
80	75	Dartie Im Inc	75		13.3	
343	373	Delta Cap	316	- 2		
166	148	Derby Inc	151		15.1	
736	617	Dunedin Inc &	713		4.7	
91	73	Dunedin Japan	79½			
333	256	Dunedin Smr	328		3.4	
42	22	Dunedin Wt	31	- 1		
801	678	Dunedin Trade	760	- 1	1.6	
109½	92½	Edin Dragon	99			
43½	23½	Edinburgh Inca	25½	- ½	0.3	
339	281	Edinburgh	336½	- ½	3.7	
162	127	EFM Japan	141½	- ½		
376	307	Electra Inv	370	- 1	2.5	
219	180	Electric Gen	210		2.0	
143	108	English Scot	137	- 1		
350	273	European Assel	330		2.0	
199	147½	Fidity Euro Val	194	+ 1	0.2	
93	62½	Fidity Jap Val	72	- ½	0.2	
108	81	Fidity Spec Val	102	- 3	0.6	
176	149	Finsbury 'A'	173½	- ½	2.3	
80	62	First Spanish	74	- 1	0.4	
336	257	Fleming Amer	309	- 2	0.7	
74½	51½	Fleming Chinese	59½		1.1	
39	22	Fleming Ch Wts	27			
244	198	Fleming Claver	238	- 1	3.1	
357	288½	Fleming Cont	334		1.3	
158½	125	Fleming Em Mkts	140½	- ½		
293	199	Fleming Eng	250		2.5	
360	276½	Fleming F East	335	- 2	0.6	
402	327	Fleming Fledg	398	- 1	0.9	
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc	101½		5.6	
82	61	Fleming Indian	61	- 2	1.8	
45	30	Fleming In Wts	30	- 1		
39	29	Fleming Ind	37½		12.3	
258	203	Fleming Japan	239½	- 1½		
303	252½	Fleming Merct	299½	- 2	2.9	
97	72½	Fleming Nat Res	92			
325	269	Fleming Oseast	310	- 1½	1.9	
151	124	Foreign & Col	148	- ½	1.6	
110	91	For & Col Inc Gwh	99	- 1	4.1	
120½	93	Frgn Emg Mkts	104½	- 1		
83½	67½	Frgn Enterprise	83	+ ½	1.2	
353	304½	Frgn Eurotst	345		0.6	
135	115	Frgn German	124		0.5	
179	157½	Frgn Pacifict	170½	- 1	1.0	
139	120	Frgn PEP	133		3.8	
176	153	Frgn Smaller	172		1.5	
123	90	Frgn US Smll	119			
24	17½	Fulcrum Cap	19			
46	36	Fulcrum Inc	36			
160½	141	Fulcrum Zero	160	+ ½		
218	188	Gartmore Brit	216		4.3	
204	174	Gartmore Eur	200		2.5	
164	137	Gartmore Euro	155		0.7	
101	84	Gartmore Smrl	92		13.0	
249	207	G'more Smr Cost	236	- 3	3.0	
100	84	Geared Inc Inv	90	- 1	11.7	
183	138	Gen Cons Cap	177			
113	104	Gen Inc	109		10.7	
105	86	German Inv	98		0.3	
246	192	Gov Asn Sml Cos	207		0.2	
119½	88	Gov Emg Mkts	102		0.4	
197	135	Govett Am Smlr	179	- 1		
92	71	Gov Gbal Smlr	83	- ½		
86	70	Govett High Inc	75		9.3	
381	322	Govett Oriental	366	- 3	0.4	
290	233	Govett Strategic	279	+ 1	3.0	
443	361	Greenfrgr	437	- 1	2.0	
19	6	Gresham House	6			
251	191	GT Japan	228	- 1	0.7	
136	113	H Govett Smll Co	132		1.9	
129	113	Hend Hight	126½		5.7	
350	258	Hend Strata	350	+ 1	0.2	
123	90	Herald	120	+ 1	0.5	
107	67½	HTR Jap Smaller	86½	- ½		
17	12	I&S Eq	16			
119	85	I&S UK Smlr	110		3.2	
142	118	Inv Cap	137½		4.7	
119	78	Int Biotech	98	- 1	1.3	
39	30	Int Wts	39			
99	74	INVESCO Asia	91½	- ½		
72	51	INVESCO Eur	65		16.7	
128	88	INVESCO Eng Int	126		0.8	
149	132	INVESCO Korea	142	- 1		
61	50	INVESCO Tokyo	61½	- ½		
94	82	J Fry 2nd U	91		9.1	
94	81	J Fry Euro U	84	- 1	6.6	
224	174	JF Fledg Jap	212	+ ½		
123	99	Jupiter Int Grw	122		3.5	
249	194	Klwrt Chrt	237		2.8	

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	80	- ½		
40	33	Murray Em Ec Wt	27½	- 1		
65	54	Murray Euro	56			0.6
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	10½			
372	308	Murray Income	365		4.1	
378	296	Murray Intl	382		4.4	
181½	162½	Murray S/C DP	181½	+ ½		
151	136	Murray S/C Cap	140			
91	73½	Murray S/C Inc	76		17.7	
3250	3000	Murray S/C Uts	3037½		0.4	
460	376	Murray Small	431	- 1	1.3	
377	308	Murray Ventr	357	- 2	4.3	
19	11	Newmarket	14			
81	53	Newmop Inct	68		10.2	
79	61	Northrop Cap	72			
372	316	O'seas Inv Tst	349		1.2	
199	156	O'seas Wts	185			
141	90½	Pacific Assets	128½	- 4½	0.3	
95	73½	Perpetual Jap	78½	- 1		
286	216	Perpl UK Sm Co	284		1.9	
£104½	£425	Personal Assets	£104		2.4	
125	107	Pilot Inv	110		2.0	
108	87½	Prolific Inct	105½		3.5	
196	164	RIT Cap Ptnr	193		1.0	
34	28½	River Merc Am Cap	33½			
104	97	Rent Merc Am Inct	102		9.6	
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	9½			
134	114	Rivers Merc Cap	124½	- 2½		
97	77½	River Merc Ex Inct	88	- 1	11.1	
15	9	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	9	- 2		
83	78	River Merc Grd Inc	83		11.6	
29	25½	River Merc Grd Pd	27½			
112	108	River Merc Tst Inc	108		10.6	
141	112	River Merc Sm Cot	137½		3.9	
43	20	Rent Merc Sm Wt	37			
453	394	Robeco	430		3.3	
450	398	Rolinco	480		1.7	
117	103	Schrod Inc Gwth†	110	- 1		
94	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	84½	+ ½		
879	635½	Schrod Korea	806½	- 32		
298	146	Schrod Medine	289		0.3	
36	24½	Schrod Split Cap	29½			
113	100	Schrod Split Inc	103		9.1	
127½	109½	Schrod Split Zero	127½	+ ½		
118	88	Schrod UK Gwth	117		2.6	
246	200	Scot	242	+ 1½	2.7	
171	147½	Scot American	164½		3.8	
305	216	Scot Asian	273	- 3		
815	555	Scot Wts	688	- 5		
95	74½	Scot Eastern	91½	+ ½	3.2	
249	206	Scot Mige	242	+ 1	2.3	
96	78½	Scot Natl Tst	92½		10.3	
117	100	Scot Value	109	- ½	2.3	
1837	1483	Second Alliance	1746	- 4	3.3	
93	76	Secs Tst of Scot	99	+ 1	4.7	
150	124	Selective Assett	144		1.4	
142	123	SHIRESCOT	138		5.2	
47½	31½	Sphere Inv†	43		15.0	
357	289	St Andrew Inv	355		2.9	
397	318	Temple Bar	375		4.7	
114	90	Throgm Assoc E	104	- 1½	0.6	
61	16½	Throg Dual Cp	58	- 2		
85	68	Throgmorton	81½	- ½	3.5	
134	98	Trillogy Emg Mkt	125	- ½	0.8	
168½	139½	TR City Of Lon†	165½		4.0	
200	159	TR Euro Growtht	194½	+ ½	1.1	
167	127	TR Far East	161½	- ½	4.7	
119	80	TR Pacific	108½	- ½	0.2	
31½	27½	TR Property	27½	- ½	4.3	
208	171	TR Smlr Cos	204		2.4	
208	100	TR Tech Inv	181		1.9	
241	177	Turkey Trust	217		1.2	
246	217	USDC Invest	243		2.3	
117	93	Undervalued Ast	114½		1.9	
130	108	Value Inc Tst	129		4.2	
86	78	Voyageur Et Sm	81		0.8	
38	30½	Warrants & Val	32½			
66	55	Wigmore	61		7.5	
262	211½	Witan	254	+ 1½	3.1	
99	83	Ybootum Inc	83		20.6	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
60	25	Abrdn Str H	52			
449	323	Airtours	330	- 7	5.3	7.2
42	17	Ald Leis	40			
150	101	Alpha Airplst	102		5.8	10.2
54	38	Arcadian†	54	+ 2	1.9	
185	128	BS Group†	140		2.7	19.2
168	111	Baldwin†	162	+ 7	3.4	13.0
235	197	Barr & Wallt	212		6.5	11.2
381	202	Bass Holdings? Bluebird Toys†	355	- 4	2.9	11.6
455	333	Boosey Hawkes	455		1.7	25.0
3½	1½	Brent Walker	1½			
46	33	Burndene	42		5.7	14.3
26½	5½	Cassel Plc	7		7.1	
337	248	Chrysalis	335	+ 2		
97	70½	City Centre Rest	95		2.6	18.4
449	305	Compass Gp	435½	- 2½	2.0	22.7
250	210	Eurocamp	233		5.7	10.9
250	118	Euro Disney	205			
170	93	Euro Leisure	166	- 1		
450	356	Fairline Boats	399		5.9	14.5
124	65	First Choice†	77		7.2	13.0
346	262	First Leisure†	333	+ 5	2.8	19.5
276	219½	Forte†	240	- 3	3.9	27.3
175	133	Friendly Hotels†	143		2.0	16.7
687	475	Granada	684	- 1	1.9	18.5
166	108	Groupe Chez Gert	160			
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	31	+ 1		
163	96	Hornby	163	- 1	3.9	14.0
237½	134	Jarvis Hotel	213½	+ ½	3.6	13.6
33½	14½	Kunick	21		4.5	22.9
443	364	London Clubs	424	- 3	3.9	14.3
187½	159	Ladbroke†	165		4.5	50.7
64	23	Magnus	29	- 1½	0.4	
273	122	Man Utd	266	- 1	5.7	
43	53	Mandarin Oml	43		4.8	16.1
15½	9½	My Kinda Town†	13½		2.5	
91	69	Northern	83		5.8	
172	127	Pelican Gp	162	- 1	1.8	21.6
139	121	Pizzaexpress	139		1.4	
141	76	Poum Leisure	128		4.7	9.6
21	5½	Queens Moat	9	+ 1		
353	217	Rangers Inv	350	+ 2	2.2	30.5
464	352	Rank Org	416	- 6	4.1	14.1
30	26	Ryan Hotels	27		5.0	11.2
750	845	Savoy Hotel 'A'	868		1.1	46.5
39½	26	Stakis	37			
39	340	Stanley Leisure	356		2.7	18.9
346	298	Tarmine?	346		2.1	16.7
1569½	707	Thorn EMI	1576	- 14	3.0	25.7
219	172	Toberm'y Inns	219		2.0	16.2
80	63	Trip Ground	79		4.1	11.9
247	167	Trajan	247	- 3	2.2	12.8
158	126	Vardon	125		1.5	13.2
650	216	Wembley	332	- 10		
135	96	Zetters Gp	124		10.1	3.7

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465	335	Abbott Mead	464		2.1	27.5
315	280	Accurre	260		3.8	14.4
38½	22	Aegis Gp	36			14.4
7½	1½	Allied Radio	4½			
13	9	BBB Design	13			
282	125	Barbour Index	260		4.3	32.7
10½	4½	Britcola	7½	- ½		

MINING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4625	3693½	Ang Am Coal	4187½		2.7	15.8
3909½	2845½	Ang Am	3778½	- 65½	2.1	23.5
6487½	4975	Ang Am Gold	5246½	+ 50	4.1	16.2
32	22	Angle Pac Res	28½	- ½		
40½	17	Arcon Intl	22			
1600	1225	Ashanti	1234½		1.3	14.7
117	74	Ashton	74	- 7	7.0	
245	138	Balyrchk	148	+ 2		
611½	337½	Beatrix	545½	- ½	3.9	25.5
34	28	Bisichi	31	- 1	3.1	
117½	78½	Blyvoors	85½	+ 1½		
37	24	Bonganville	28			
18	7½	Bracken	9½	- 2½	9.2	
503½	284½	Buffels	264½	- 8		
4	1½	Bulle	1½			
1076	781	CRA	979	- 15	2.9	22.8
65	40	Central Pacific	58			
55	41	Civil Res	50½	+ ½		
120	76	Coal Inv	65			
225	117	Cons Murchison†	150		4.1	4.1
1812½	1262½	De Beers	1787½	- 25	2.9	20.2
108½	47	Deelkraal	53½	+ 3½	1.6	
69	32½	Doornfontein	41½	- 2		
987½	734½	Driefontein	743	- 8½	5.4	18.8
785½	474½	Durban▲	474½			
210½	127½	E Rand Gold	189½	+ 8½	11.5	8.7
78½	37½	E Rand Prop	31½	- 8		
70	45	Eastern Trans	64		2.3	48.1
450½	271½	Elandsrand	355½	- 4	2.7	12.4
415	330	East Ganz CH	349	- 5	4.9	16.9
975½	618½	FS Cons	618½	- 5	4.4	22.9
62	31	FS Dev	35		3.5	
2081½	1418½	GFSA	1737½	- 18½	2.2	
63	40	GM Kalgoorli	51	- 2	2.8	
244½	188½	Gencor	218½		1.8	19.6
152	118	Gold Fields Prop▼	145		7.2	6.6
15	12½	Greenwich R 'A'				
182½	116½	Grootvlei	155½	- 6½	5.8	19.9
182½	76½	Gwalia Cons	98½	- ½	1.0	18.9
625	457½	Harmony	554½	- ½	1.3	18.5
298½	185½	Hartebs	186	+ ½	12.1	9.2
1743½	1150	Impala Plat	1318½	- 31½	2.3	19.7
132	83	Kalsion	85		14.1	7.7
1087½	478½	Kinross	986½	+ 16½	7.3	7.2
946½	620½	Kloof	648	+ 15½	5.1	19.6
124½	68½	Leslie	68½		11.6	5.8
288	174½	Lorraine	177	- 3½		
21	12	Meekatana	14			
113	77	MIM	83	- 1	2.8	
1625	1250	Minorco†	1779		2.3	22.9
181	36	Monloch	58			
110	30	Montleagle	100		3.8	7.8
181	84½	NSM	97		5.2	8.7
191	133	Nth Brkn Hill	172	- 7	3.0	25.5
50	27	Orye Gold	39			
108	60	Pancontinent	102	- 1		
285	123	Peking Tin	189	+ 2	1.1	
182	110	Placer Pac	118	- 2		
548	317	RJB	498	+ 2	3.2	13.8
944	721	RTZ†	898	- 8	3.4	13.0
54	24	Radewoot	46		2.7	11.7
743½	562½	Rand Mines	712½		2.4	
727½	320½	Randfontein	387½		9.2	15.5
270	175	Renison	269	+ 3	1.8	
1753½	1145½	Rustenbrg	1146½	- 16½	3.3	
77	36	St Barbas	40		3.5	10.1
827½	436	St Helena	446½	- ½	12.1	8.9
335	207	Sons Gwalla	310	- 7	3.8	20.2
26	16	Silent Pacific	22			
2016½	1353½	Southvaal	1681½	+ 16½	4.8	20.9
123	39½	Stilfontein	39½	- 8	30.8	4.1
210½	137½	Unisel	177½	- 3½	6.4	13.1
5800	3359½	Vaal Reefs	3593½	- 12½	4.4	8.1
19	8	Wankie Col Z	14½	- ½	8.5	3.4
1½	½	Water Hall	1½			
533	473	Watts Blake	508	+ 3	3.4	17.1
2587½	1653½	Western Deep	1900½	- 25	3.0	18.4
446½	332	Western Mng	390½	- ½	1.4	40.6
861½	416½	Winkelh	528½	+ 3½	6.9	11.1
48	30	Zambia Copper	30			
53	31	Zandpan	32		9.9	10.1

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
56	34	Abbot Group†	49			
79½	39½	Aran Energy	78			
56½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	48½	- ½		
58	45	Amg Pet	45			
305	220	Br Borneo	294		3.2	13.7
317½	243	British Gas†	247½	- 2	7.3	27.2
502	392	Br Petroleum†	478½	+ 5	3.3	14.0
3	2	Beta Resources	2½			
999	815	Burmah Castrol	950	+ 7	3.9	16.2
189	99½	Cairn Energy	189	+ 7		
280	252	Calor Gp†	262	+ 1	6.8	14.5
58	36	Clyde Pet	52		2.5	10.9
14	5½	Copper Res	9½	- ½		
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
26	18	Edin Oil & Gs	20½			11.5
424	322	Enterprise†	343	- 3	5.8	19.4
290	230	Flocas	235		5.3	10.7
8½	3	Fortune	7½			37.2
79	62	Goal Pet	69½	- ½	2.7	10.6
42	18	Gt Western Res	18			
138	129	Hardy O & G	189	- 5	0.7	
7½	4½	Intl Nat & Sub	6½			
226	190	JKX Oil & Gas	208	- 1		
186	139	LASMO	155	- 4	0.8	
56	33	Lasmo Units	38		27.3	
70½	59½	Monument	60			
2918½	2134½	Norsk Hydro	2640½	- 18½	1.7	14.4
50	37½	Oceanics	31			
58	32	Oil Search	52			
41½	27½	Petrol	37½	- ½		
28½	22½	Premier	25	- ½		16.4
40	11	Presidio	11			
58	35	Priceocell Ps	33	- 1	1.1	
388	221	Ramco Egy	355		0.4	49.1
453	330	Ranger	335	- 35	6.0	
8143½	6865½	Royal Dtch Pt	7654½	- 81½	4.7	14.1
4430½	3218½	Schlumberge	3975	- 103½	2.4	
49	29	Sacd Pictorn	30		3.8	6.1
116	84	Seaheld	87			45.8
783½	682	Shell†	734	- 1½	4.9	16.3
4228½	3224½	Total	3762½	+ 9½	4.1	13.4
14½	8½	Wfers Grp	14			
325	221	Woodside	259	- 5	1.3	
58	33	XCL	35			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	75	BWD	98		5.4	16.0
163	136	Baltic Pict	160	- 3	2.5	8.7
78	44	Berry Bch Mkt	44		2.4	12.5
226	146	Bisbec Inv	217			

OTHER FINANCIAL (continued)

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
345	315	Black (A&C)†	335		5.2	13.0
281	174	Blenheim Gp	259	- 2	6.1	15.7
233	195	Border TV	215		2.8	20.2
368	335	Bristol	340	+ 2	4.7	22.8
406	242	BSkyB†	389		0.8	44.1
150	126	CIA Gp	134		1.8	26.4
30	22½	Caledonian Med	23			
481	343	Capital Radio	489	- 7	2.2	24.0
1082	851	Carlton Comm	855	- 2	2.8	14.8
109	83	City of Lon	91		6.9	11.9
149	83	Cordant	85	- 1		
1431½	1181½	Daily Mail	1284½	+ 6½	1.8	17.8
1209½	959½	Daily Mail 'A'	1087½	+ 9½	1.9	15.1
541	295	Dorling Kind	541	+ 2	0.9	
555	385	EMAP	544		2.2	24.8
886½	594½	Elsevier	805½	- 9½	2.8	29.0
1695	1070	Emmeney Pb	1073		5.1	15.3
25½	10	Fitch	22½			14.8
485	333	Flextech	470			
151	109½	GWR Gp	150		1.6	20.8
234	143	Gold Greenlesst	230		2.9	18.8
26	13	Goodhead†	20		6.3	
216	130½	Grampian	205		2.7	18.9
276	132	HTV Group	262	+ 2	1.3	28.0
358	255	Haynes Pubf	273		4.3	13.4
58	17	Highbury Hse	23			
380	333	Hodder H'lant	362		2.9	16.2
162	137	Home Counts	140		4.9	16.0
13½	9½	Incepta	7½		17.9	3.4
498	248	Independent†	373	- 10	2.9	17.9
348	228	Intl Bus Comm†	308	- 2	3.2	13.2
135	103	Interedisos	103		8.5	26.6
169	136	Johnston Press†	159		1.6	19.2
25	15	Lopex†	19		3.3	18.3
293	63	MAID	286	+ 1		
635	526	Metal Bulletin	634		2.5	28.7
138	109	Millland Indt	125		3.4	13.1
177	120	Mirror Grp	171		2.7	11.1
488	344	More O'Ferrall†	477		3.5	19.7
385	231	News Corp	318	- 3	0.4	9.6
338	207	News Intl	308		1.4	11.4
36	15	Osprey Comms	21		1.2	
667	528	Pearson†	628	- 4	3.1	18.4
267½	169	Phonelink	169	- 4		
606	523	Portsmth Sund	543		2.7	12.6
291	210	Quarto	285		3.0	13.4
1015	712	Reed Int	952	- 4	2.9	24.6
594	484	Reuters	573	- 6	1.8	24.4
334	222½	Scott Radio	381	+ 1	2.4	21.6
515	393	Scot TV	498	- 9	4.0	32.8
35	20½	SelecTV	34½	+ 2		58.5
41	32	Shandwick	35½		4.6	8.2
65	33	Sleepy Kids	44			23.6
274	222	Southnews	241		2.3	17.4
98	20	Sterling Pub	30		3.1	
135	85	Sunset & Vine	98		5.1	8.3
45	33½	Taylor Nelson	44	- ½	2.0	22.4
453	355	Telegraph	418	- 10	2.9	17.9
985	725	Thomson Corp	785	- 30	5.6	11.1
352	301½	Trinity Int†	330	- 4	4.1	12.7
958	632	Ulster TV	956		2.9	18.5
564	464	United News†	514	- 2	5.6	13.5
121	85	VTR	90		5.8	8.4
167	107	WPP†	154	- 2	1.0	21.2
625	386	Yorkshire TV†	565		1.6	80.4

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
910	425	Brit Biotech	890	+ 2		
345	105	Cantab Pharm	305	+ 10		
488	233½	Celltech	482	+ 16		
325	92½	Chiroscience	269	- 5		
111	31	Cortecs	101	- 1		
296	103	Fisons	283		2.2	
971	587	Glaxo Wellcome	857½	+ 8½	4.4	19.6
294	162	Medeva	282	- 4	1.6	18.1
719	273	Scotia	615	- 7		
888	444	SmithKline	864	+ 7	2.5	19.7
657	416	SmithKline Uts	645	+ 8½	2.5	19.7
1218	840	Zeneca†	1189	- 7	3.0	24.5

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
142	120	AG Holdings	141	+ 1	4.9	19.8
514	377	API	814		3.3	22.4
250	219	Arjo Wiggins†	243	+ 5	3.9	10.9
48	31	Ashley Grp	44			
234	162	Augus Consol	220		3.2	16.4
425	347	Bemrosef	398		4.2	12.8
3471½	1675	Bowater Inc	2743½	- 40½		
414	350	Bowthorpe Intl	414	+ 10	1.4	19.4
700	474	Br Polythene	698		2.7	15.9
46	22	Br Thornton	26		9.6	8.8
159	112	Bulton Grpt	158		2.1	18.8
218	159	Bunzl†	194		3.4	13.4
187	187	Capital Ints	172		3.7	12.1
2871½	2049½	Carnaud MM	2634½		2.2	
314	237	Cropper (James)	292		1.8	15.1
1054	859	De La Rue	911	+ 3	3.2	18.6
90	32	Delyn Group	64		3.4	9.2
121	93	Dolphin Packt	109		5.4	13.6
100	81	Fairway Group	98		4.7	14.4
352	215	Ferguson Intl	236	- 4	7.2	10.2
169	102	Ferry Pickr	138		5.4	12.3
206	138	Inveresk	165	- 1	3.8	16.5
295	245	Jarvis Porter	284		2.6	15.5
548	381	Low & Bonar	511		2.9	15.4
74	50	MY Holdings	71	+ 2	3.6	
224	152½	Maclarens	213		2.8	20.1
257	156	Photobition	257	+ 8	2.9	17.3
230	183	Ptyto	209	- 1	2.9	23.3
519	370	REXAM†	398	+ 5	4.5	12.8
454	324	St Ives Grp	433		2.5	
1328½	975	Sappi	1241	- 19	0.4	
3½	3	Seffi	3½			
265	139	Sidlaw	155		3.9	11.3
678	480	Smith David	578	+ 8	2.8	11.5
215	170	Smurfit (Jeff)	175	- 1	2.7	10.2
99	82	Sonic	84		4.5	7.2
281	213	Wace	242		2.9	11.4
236	187	Waddington (J)	231		4.7	14.2
445	350	Wolvaright	403		2.7	17.2
186	131	Wyndeham	185		3.0	17.9

PROPERTY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	69	Allied Lon	89		7.8	6.8
316	255	Argent	311			
92	68	Arlesian Ests	80		2.3	13.3
128	103	Asda? Avdel†	122		2.5	30.5
258	211	Bilton†	221		5.6	15.7
215	140	Blarly†	161	- 2	5.7	9.8
27	7	Bolton Intl	28			
73	46	Bourne End	50		2.9	65.6
203	171	Bradford	182	- 1	4.9	16.2
123	96	Brightstone†	96		5.1	48.0
393	354	Br Land	359	- 4	2.3	80.3
202	164	Brixton†	184		6.5	15.2
133	81	Burford	125	+ ½	1.8	33.4
101	95	CLS Hldgst	95		6.6	13.0
172	131	Cap & Regnl	159		1.8	17.2
225	187	Cap Shop Ctrs	201		4.4	24.0
188	153	Cardiff Prop	158		2.1	86.6
28½	14	Cattey Intl	15			
198	143	Chelsfield	189		1.9	37.0
490	433	Chesterfield	444	- 6	3.7	19.2
88	55	Chesterton Intl	60		5.4	
57	40	City Site Ests	40			9.3
8	5	Clarke Nickollst	6½		4.2	9.2
101	97	Conrtique	181		4.1	12.7
37	19	Cus Brder	34		3.0	26.8
1205	1173	Daejan	1175		3.4	11.3
5	3	Dares Estates	3½			
55	43	Debenham Tewn	43½	- ½	10.1	8.0
183	138	Decisam	153		3.4	13.8
336	225	Derwent Vllys▼	298		2.2	15.5
165	138	Development Sect	141½	- ½	2.1	
46	32	Dwyer	35		3.9	13.0
45	26	Esco	26			
398	258	Estates Agency	352		4.9	
23½	14	Estates Gen	14½			
119	92	Estates Of Leeds	112		3.1	17.9
28	18	Ex-Lands	25		2.1	34.2
60	54	Fiscal Prop	54		4.4	15.6
29	25	Five Oaks	23½			
32	19	Fletcher King	19		6.5	
60	41	Folkes Groupt	45		3.4	7.8
19	34	Folkes Group mt	37		3.5	7.5
499	405	Frogmore†	425		5.1	16.3
282	236	Grainger	253		3.0	14.1
186	159	Gr Portland	159		6.8	12.8
161	117½	Greycoat	142		0.5	
39	22	Hambro Cdyw	31		8.2	
368	318	Hammerson†	335		3.8	22.7
332	308	Helical Bar†	321	- 2	2.8	12.4
38	22½	Hemingway†	28½		2.8	16.4
21	7	Herring Baker	13			
50	31	High-Point	31		4.8	
149½	104½	HK Land	142½	+ 25	5.1	16.3
165	153	Jermyn	153		1.9	
1	0½	Kendall	1			
645	545	Land Sec	573	- 2	5.5	16.8
326	293	London Indl	294		4.3	14.5
37	30	Lon & Assoc	34½		2.5	18.0
9	5½	Lon & Metro	5½			
107	86	Lon Merch Sec	85		5.8	21.4
418	358	MEPC	384	+ 4	6.8	19.8
7½	5½	McInerney A	5½			
165	130	McKay Secs	135		4.8	17.6
79	48	Mentale Mart	77		6.1	11.2
32	25	Mossfield Est	26½		4.7	14.4
1250	850	Mountview	1125		3.0	8.1
151	124	Mucklow (A&J)	139	- 1	6.0	18.5
1	0½	QHB	0½			0.8
32	23	Olives Prop	26		1.4	23.5
148	125	PSIT	135	- 1	5.0	15.9
309	204	Peel	309		2.2	
178	145	Pillar Prop	145	- 2	2.6	39.7
2½	1½	Power Corp@	2			
6½	3½	Premier Land▲	4½			
107	78	RPS Group†	101		2.8	13.3
34	23	Raglan	35		4.8	11.3
31	18	Regalian	19½			16.8
163	108	Rowlinson Secs	146		2.0	17.5
102	95	Rugby Estt	98		2.7	8.6
52	43	St Modwen Prop	52		4.3	7.8
88	54	Saville Gdn Uht	57		6.8	13.3
53	43	Scottin	45		6.8	8.4
81	67	Scot Met	74	+ ½	4.2	
128	86	Shaftesbury	120		1.6	28.2
243	189	Slough Estates	181	- 1	5.3	23.2
220	185	Smart (J)	217		5.0	17.3
55	37	Southend Prop	42		7.5	
110	103	Speyhawk Sons	105	- 3	1.5	14.7
55½	36	TBI	53		8.4	38.4
167	135	Tops Estst	142		2.0	36.8
104	89	Town Centre	88	- 2½	4.7	
107	78	Trafford Park	94		4.4	
49	34	UK Land	34		3.7	3.8
61	43	WSP Group	48		5.7	10.3
219	182	Warnes	206	- 1	6.8	17.6
235	205	Warnford	205	- 14	4.8	17.5
91	63	Wates	69½			
35	25	Whitney Mck	25			
66	33	Wood John D	34		7.4	6.5

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	64½	ASDA Group	80½	+ 2½	2.8	16.9
363	254½	Argyll	331	+ 5	4.5	14.2
718	455	Booker Bros	688	- 1	1.5	21.0
39	23	Budgen	35½		3.8	33.4
18	11½	Colfeca	16½		3.8	21.2
89½	50½	Dairy Farm Intl	53½	+ 3½	7.1	7.8
355	308	Fameld	328		3.1	15.8
58	35	Fitzwilton	58		3.7	21.2
115	98	Fyffes	105		2.1	13.0
290	152	Geest	155		6.6	61.8
1283	1046	Greggs	1165		2.6	16.1
136	112	Iceland Groupt	155	- 1	4.0	10.8
722	518	Kwik Save	683	+ 2	3.5	12.8
19½	10	Merchant Retail	17			11.8
170	132	Morrison (W)†	150		1.0	14.9
169	126	Nurdin Peacct	155		4.5	28.6
135	83	Park Foods	98	- 1	3.6	17.3
38	7½	Regina Hldg	34			
479½	401	Sainsbury J	484	- 2	3.8	13.8
336	236	Tesco†	303	+ 4	3.7	18.4
173	142	Thornbury	148		4.3	16.7
509	358	Wilson& Philip	509		3.8	17.9

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
88	21	Alexon	82½	+ ½		
244	187	Alders	174		5.0	9.8
575½	324	Argos Plct	308	- 3	2.9	27.3
122	63	Ashley (Laura)	122	+ 5		
140	54	Aspray	108	+ 4	1.6	13.7
225	192½	Austin Reedt	188		4.0	18.9
146	123	Beattie (J) 'A'†	133		6.1	14.5
124	108	Beatwick	111		2.4	12.1
62	33	Betamate	62	+ 2	5.2	36.6
50	30	Blacks Leis	48		6.2	23.2
194	107	Body Shop	133	+ 7	2.4	7.8
595	465	Boots	549½	+ 8½	3.8	15.1
54	18	Brown & Jackson	27			
270	285	Brown (N)	278		2.4	20.4
113½	84	Burton	107½		2.8	20.1
150	80	Carlton? Cartlost	97		3.3	18.8
375	235	Carpetright	335	- 2	3.0	18.9
218	183	Chelsea? Chiltern Intt	192		1.4	34.5
480	425	Church	425		4.0	17.4
108	97	Clinton Cards†	103		6.3	18.6
149	84	Cty Clothes	140	+ 1		
813	700	Courts Furhtr	749		1.3	27.8
228	185	Dixons Eye	193		3.7	8.0
353	188	DFS Furnt	235	- 6	3.2	
400	228	Dixons Gp	384		2.4	23.5
590	590	Dyn (Dixons)	590		3.9	30.8
10	5½	ERA Gp	9			
187	77	Essex Furn	160		5.5	11.7
236	147	Etam	183	+ 1	4.8	
460	380	Fine Art Dev	425	- 2	4.5	13.0
65	37	Ford Sportse	60		1.5	23.8
148	81	Frying Viewers	131	- 1	2.0	17.1
235	183	French Conn	183			11.9

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
568	491	Allied Domecq	517	- 1	5.7	12.2
490½	380	Belmac (HP)	484		3.0	16.7
137	98	Boss Stewart	132		4.9	27.7
461½	352	Grand Met	439	- 8	4.1	20.2
538	404	Guinness†	506½	+ 6½	3.5	15.7
445	337	Highland Dist	363	- 1	2.8	16.2
217	175	Macallan-Glenl	207	+ 3	0.8	45.9
710	680	Macdn Mtns 'A'	640		2.1	27.4
672	532	Matthew Clark	638	- 1	4.1	
140	61	Mrydlew W	134		0.9	
240	129	Taunton Cider	239	+ 1	3.7	23.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
945	820	ADT	908	- 7		
41	22	Alphameric	23	+ ½	1.4	17.2
74	31	Ammo Sec	32			8.8
145	101½	BET Ord	123	+ 2	4.1	14.8
178	130	BNB Res	132		5.5	19.2
288	230	BPP†	288		4.4	16.7
189	131	BSM†	156		5.3	11.8
5½	0½	Black & Edg	4½			
1100	500	Bodand	992½			
215	105	Brit Data Mgt	138		4.9	31.7
88	59	Brooks Service	79		4.0	17.2
119	75	CRT Grp	118		4.0	18.7
255	136	Capita Group	241	+ 1	1.8	22.3
100	19½	Cardinal Bus	21			
358	277½	Chubb Sec	325	- 1	2.8	17.2
94	59½	Corp Services†	88		4.3	15.0
81	49	Coutts Cnstig	51		3.9	
102	68	DCS Grp	69		1.9	27.5
258	204	Davis Service†	237½		4.8	14.0
358	223	Delphi†	325	- 3	1.3	40.3
107	66	Dudley Jenkins	97		4.4	14.8
84	28	EW Fact	41		8.1	5.7
155	118	El Dalt Prc	145	+ 11	1.7	15.0
368	280	Hays	368	+ 1	2.4	
218	145	Hogg Robinson	203		4.7	12.9
2081½	1828½	ISS B DR	1678½	- 83½	1.5	14.8
360	152	JBA Hldgst	359		1.2	37.7
270	227	Johnson Clean	240		5.6	13.6
111	80	Kalamazoo	98		4.6	8.3
345	230	Kewill Sys	335		2.4	11.9
27	11	Laser-Scan	18			
387	77	LIMS	372			
503	301	Logica†	484		1.6	
107	49	MDIS	84		7.7	18.4
208	184	MMT Comp	193	- 1	3.8	33.6
138	54	MR Data Mngt	70	+ 1	6.4	
478	388	Macro 4†	420	- 3	6.5	11.4
2140½	1553½	Manpower	1737½	- 62½	0.4	
840	648	Micro Focus	685			
179	102	Microgen	162			
635	395	Misys	623	- 3	3.3	13.8
278	187	MITIE Gp	278		1.4	17.7
36	22	Novo Group	31		1.4	22.7
25	15	OIS Intl	15		3.6	10.0
29	18	Orbis	25			
151	74	P & P	150		2.6	13.8
175	118	Michael Page†	173		2.3	15.2
186	106	Parity	162	- 1	2.4	18.3
209	138	Pegasus†	209	+ 7	1.5	28.8
110	75	Pems	78		3.8	15.0
73	35	Prorfod	37			
305	200	RCO†	208	+ 1	6.7	6.2
80	30	Radius†	31		2.8	14.1
202	158	Real Time	172		3.3	8.6
144	105	Reed Executive†	103	- 2	2.4	11.8
206	142	Reliance Sec	203		3.6	19.2
335½	212½	Rentokil	328		1.4	25.4
183	135	Ricardo Groupt	160	- 1	4.9	
293	158	Rolfe & Nolan	270		1.9	40.2
287½	132½	Sage Gp	279	- 2	1.0	23.1
291	225	Salvesen (C)	243	- 2	4.3	12.4
126	78	Sanderson Elec	125		3.1	16.2
17½	11½	Select App	16½			29.2
549	380	Serco Grt	584	- 4	1.3	24.9
375	238	Serco Gp	375		1.4	28.4
185	80	Shand Grupt	170		1.7	
143	83	Spilsbury	138		3.1	19.2
22½	11	Standard Pile	14	- 1		
220	167	Stat-Plant	211		5.9	19.4
578	118	Unipalter	437	+ 5		
26½	11½	Videc	18½		2.6	76.5
295	245	Waner Howard	279		3.8	13.4

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
415½	354½	BT	378½	+ 3½	5.9	13.9
446	350½	Cable Wireless	413½	+ 3½	2.7	18.5
209	165½	General Cable	190	+ 2		
142	116½	INDEX Cable	131			
1765	1475	Securicor	1728	- 3	0.3	37.8
1160	880	Securicor 'A'	1040	- 18	0.4	22.8
1058	728	Security Serv	968	- 16	0.9	25.0
195	147	Telewest	178			
283½	177½	Vodafone	262½	- 3½	1.6	33.6

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	50	Albion	51		5.9	2.7
173	115	Alexdra Wt	169		4.6	17.5
285	213	Allied Text	213		4.8	12.6
111	72	Atkins	109		8.3	20.1
34	28	Autosagleaf	28			6.6
246	200	Baird (Wm)	219		5.4	15.3
60	36	Beckman (A)	54		5.4	
288	229	Black (Peter)	280	- 1	2.3	17.9
151	111	Bridport-Gndry	150		2.6	17.6
211	180	Br Mohair†	188		6.2	11.2
32	14	Carmard	26½			
185	141	Chambr Phlpps	143	- 2	7.9	6.7
342	282	Claremont Gr	312		3.8	14.8
221	186	Coats Viyella	192		5.8	12.5
512	410	Courtauld Txd	417		4.8	12.0
135	113	Dallynds	125		6.0	6.8
129	92½	Dawson	119			
194	129½	Dewhirst (I.J.)†	185	- 2	2.0	17.8
41	30	Dixie Hse	34		5.2	6.5
38	25	Drummond	25	- 1	3.3	8.9
28	13	Ellist	18			
48	37	Fauset	37		16.6	5.9
470	260	Fifi	450		4.1	
151	146	Fotowalde	150		2.8	11.8
31	15	Foster (John)	16			
95	71	French	71			
103	72	Gent SRr	90		6.4	14.5
118	85	Haggas†	118		3.8	8.2
19½	7½	Hanstone	13½	- ½	3.0	41.9
26	15	Helene Plc	16½		15.2	8.8
275	213	Hicking Pnest	275	+ 5	2.5	18.1
28	20	Hollast	20		3.8	
75	40	Honeysuckle	49		9.4	4.6
133	80	Horace Small	91	- 1		7.3
218	182	Jacques Vert	183		4.8	8.4
79	58	Jeame (SI)	74		5.0	7.4
465	327	Jones Stroud	435	+ 1	3.6	15.4
157	118	Lambert†	130		8.4	18.7
357	225	Lavsor	225		7.2	8.7
308	241	Leeds	254		3.1	13.1
79	55	Lister Mtes Gp	57		8.3	8.4
84	59	Lyles (S)	61	- 7	5.1	6.8
29½	23½	Marling	27		3.8	14.1
6	4½	PBX	6			
219	135	Parkland	190		3.8	8.2
147	102	Pentland†	117		3.4	15.9
73	41	Pitards	46		3.4	
74½	58½	Readicut	70	- 1	6.1	15.8
81	61	Rensome	70		8.1	7.4
55	43	Richards	45		5.8	16.8
78	58	SEET	58			
124	75	Shannod Spt	116		2.8	14.8
142	107	Stilch	116	+ 1	4.1	7.8
107	90	Stotel	92		7.3	24.8
58	43	Stirling Gp	48		5.4	10.5
21	13	Storey & Fisher†	17		0.8	17.1
40	28½	UK Sotay	31		3.4	37.5
184	114	Usher (Frank)†	168		7.4	6.5
143	97	Wamstht	106		5.2	18.4
320	244	Yattryde	320	+ 5	3.0	11.2

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	81	Air London	90		4.0	18.1
789½	602	All Nippon Air	817	- 7		
320	263	Assoc Br Portst	312		2.8	18.7
548	414	BAA	485	+ 4	2.8	17.6
480½	349½	Br Airways	468	+ 7	3.3	11.4
57	25	Central Trans R	25			
123	95	Clarkson (H)†	114		8.2	16.6
183	153	Clydeport	170	- 1	2.5	15.7
182	142	Dart	142		3.3	13.7
324	78½	Eurotunnel Uts	95	+ 4		
154	132½	FirstBus	132½	- 3½	4.2	
122	80	Fisher (James)	88		2.3	18.2
685	402½	Forth Portst▼	605	+ 10	2.4	18.8
285	189	Go-Ahead	280		2.2	16.8
273	189	Goode Durrant	251	- 2	3.8	28.8
139	100	Intl Stason	117		3.7	20.2
548	383	Ken Coach	493		1.0	18.9
70	52	Jacobst	67½	- 1	2.0	
107	62	Lon O'Seas Fgts	90		8.7	18.7
485	358	Mersey Docks†	460	- 11	2.8	17.8
195	142½	NFC	152	+ 1	5.8	15.4
422	286	Nat Express	403		2.8	15.8
351	261	Ocean Groupt	300	- 7	4.9	22.8
64	38	Ocean Wilson	38	+ 3	6.0	3.5
637	452	P & O Dfd	472	+ 5	8.1	17.8
193	157	P & O 5.5%	184	- 2	8.7	
88	55	Sabnon	81		4.7	8.1
231	158	Sawkins†	228		2.1	18.5
289	196	Stagecoach	262		2.0	17.2
119	79	TNT	85	- 1		
713	416	Tibbett & Britt	443	- 3	4.5	24.3
241	184	TDG	197	- 2	3.0	13.0
128	76	Uglandt	78		3.5	12.8
113	77	Utd Carriers	82		7.5	

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
603	443	Anglian	580	- 2	5.7	8.7
366	228	Utd Kent Hldg	356	- 1	4.4	8.7
641	483½	North West	570	+ 6	5.8	7.9
1033	870	Northumbrian	1005	+ 6	3.3	8.1
669	475	Severn Trent	657	+ 3	6.0	6.9
2235	1855	South Staffs	2200		3.7	15.2
555	458	South West	571	- 2	6.1	6.2
751	517	Southern	736	- 1	6.1	
568	455	Thames	513	- 4	6.2	7.2
680	592½	Welsh	698	- 3	6.4	7.3
195½	160½	Welsh Cm Pdf	182½	+ 3½		
361	259½	Wessex	348		4.6	8.2
677½	472	Yorkshire	669	- 6	5.8	6.4

Source: Fininfo
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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
		[illegible]				
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
		[illegible]				
109⅝	97⅜	Treas 8½% 2005			8.35	8.21
111⅛	103⅝	Conv 9½% 2005			8.80	8.24
128⅛	119⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05			10.01	8.20
99⅝	92⅛	Treas 7¾% 2006			8.08	8.27
101⅛	92⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06			8.13	8.23
122⅜	113⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07			9.86	8.15
105⅝	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007			8.36	8.28
135⅞	129⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08			10.27	8.22
118⅞	101⅝	Treas 9% 2008			8.55	8.31
102⅛	94	Treas 8% 2009			8.21	8.34
LONGS (over 15 years)						
99⅜	79⅝	Treas 6¼% 2010			7.63	8.35
111⅛	101⅞	Conv 9% 2011			8.55	8.36
111⅛	102⅝	Treas 9% 2012			8.54	8.38
80⅝	72⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12			7.15	8.07
102⅛	93⅞	Treas 8% 2013			8.31	8.40
98⅞	87⅜	Treas 7¾% 2012-15			8.24	8.39
110⅞	100⅝	Treas 8½% 2017			8.48	8.41
134⅛	127⅜	Exch 12% 2013-17			9.07	8.47
UNDATED						
45⅝	40⅜	War Ln 3½%			8.49	
31⅛	26⅛	Treas 2½%			8.46	
49⅝	45⅜	Consols 4%			8.57	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
213⅛	201⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996			0.32	3.26
112⅛	106⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998			2.14	3.39
177⅛	165⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2001			3.16	3.48
173⅛	161⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2003			3.30	3.58
115⅞	108⅞	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004			3.33	3.60
183⅛	168⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006			3.48	3.66
165⅛	152⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2009			3.46	3.71
171⅛	157⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011			3.51	3.72
140⅛	129⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013			3.54	3.73
150⅛	137⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016			3.58	3.76
144⅛	131⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020			3.63	3.78
132⅛	120⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2024			3.62	3.76
119⅛	109⅞	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030			3.63	3.77

Shares slide as McKechnie tells of slowdown

By Christine Buckley

A WARNING that the new financial year had started slowly for McKechnie, the metal components and plastics group, sent its shares down 12p to 442p.

The Midlands group, which said first-half growth was likely to be lower than that for the year to the end of July, also sounded further caution on the state of the housing market. But Stuart Moberley, finance director, said that the group remained committed to supplying the area. He said: "It is a very difficult market but we have no plans to exit. We do think that there will be a recovery, although it is taking some time."

McKechnie is, however, to reduce its general exposure to the UK in favour of a greater global spread and is looking to grow in North America and Europe. About 49 per cent of the group's sales depend on the UK, although if secondary exports are taken into consideration, then the underlying exposure is about 30 per cent.

Mr Moberley said that the group intends to reduce proportionate headline sales to about 35 per cent of the total in the medium term and about 30 per cent in the long term, although it intended to maintain the volumes at their present level. In the year to July 31, UK sales were £263 million, up 35 per cent, fuelled by an improvement in the plastics sector and by integration of acquisitions, including Linread, the fasteners business bought by McKechnie last year.

Plastics, which included a substantial contribution from Plastic Engineers, saw a jump in operational profit from £4.1 million to £13.7 million. Plastic Engineers is benefiting from supplying the fast expanding computer peripherals and information technology industry. The company, which spent £8 million on acquisitions during the last financial year and which received £8.3 million from disposals, wiped out its gearing of 7 per cent. However, Mr Moberley said that McKechnie was in no hurry to spend its money after having invested substantially in plant in the past year.

Overall, McKechnie increased sales 27 per cent to £532.6 million on which it achieved pre-tax profits of £45.3 million, a rise of 28.3 per cent on the previous year.

Adverse Australian and New Zealand dollar cross rates cost £3 million. The company has now taken a forward position in the currencies.

The final dividend, due on January 19, is 11p (9.75p), which takes the total to 16.5p, a rise of 11.9 per cent.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Placing plans: Derek Mapp, chief executive of Tom Cobleigh, left, with Ken Pratt, finance director, yesterday

Tom Cobleigh rides to £50m market price

TOM COBLEIGH, the independent pub retailer, is planning a stock market flotation next month via a placing to institutions, in a move that is likely to capitalise the company in excess of £50 million.

The company, formed in January 1992, operates in the East Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside. It has built a managed estate of 46 outlets, as well as 34 tenanted pubs trading as the Nice Pub Company. Cobleigh's flotation is expected to raise net proceeds of about £22 million, which will be used to virtually eliminate borrowings and finance expansion. Samuel Montagu is sponsor and Hoare Govett, the broker. The company made a pre-tax profit of £1.6 million in the 53 weeks to April 1, on turnover of £14.7 million and a pre-tax profit of £1 million in the 26 weeks to September 30.

Derek Mapp, managing director, said: "Tom Cobleigh is strongly positioned to take advantage of the opportunities available in UK pub retailing."

Scottish Property warning

By Martin Barrow

SCOTTISH Metropolitan Property, the property investment company, said there had been a downturn in activity in the commercial property market since the spring, and gave warning that there was no sign of confidence returning in the short term.

In the year to August 15, the company suffered a downturn in pre-tax profits to £8.5 million (£11.33 million). Excluding the impact of the sale of investment properties, profits rose to £8.69 million (£5.77 million).

The valuation of investment properties on an open market value basis by DTZ Debenham Thorpe at August 15 was £228.13 million, a decrease of 1.7 per cent over book value. Net assets were 99.71p a share (99.31p).

The final dividend is maintained at 1.5p a share, to be paid on January 5, making a total of 2.5p (2p). Earnings, including property sales, were 5.9lp a share (8.82p).

Scholl rebels fail to win board vote

By Eric Reguly

REBEL shareholders of Scholl yesterday failed to get their own directors elected to the board of the medical products company, but vowed to continue harassing the management until their demands were met.

The rebels, the UK Active Value Continuation Fund, a venture capital fund based in the British Virgin Islands, and certain clients of J O Hambro Investment Management, tried to remove three non-executive directors and replace them with three of their own, who would then seek to put Scholl on the auction block. About 60 per cent of the votes went against their resolutions at the company's extraordinary general meeting in London.

Although Scholl declared victory, it has agreed to continue negotiating with the rebels, who own 15 per cent of the company, "in order to create an environment in which management can concentrate on running the business".

Specifically, it has agreed in principle to appoint a single non-executive director to the board. The rebels have been promoting James Hambro, managing director of JO Hambro & Partners, who would lead a sub-committee charged with finding potential bidders for the company.

Scholl has not yet approved Mr Hambro. Judy Stammers, Scholl's finance director, said: "Matters such as the sale of the company are too fundamental to be considered by a sub-committee."

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Utilisation of Overhead and Underground Assets for Broadband Communication Services, including Pay TV.

The Queensland Transmission & Supply Corporation (QTSC) is responsible for electricity transmission and distribution to approx. 1.4 million customers in the State of Queensland in Australia through eight subsidiary corporations comprising the QTSC Group.

The QTSC Group is calling for Registrations of Interest for commercial utilisation of network assets for broadband communication services including PAY TV.

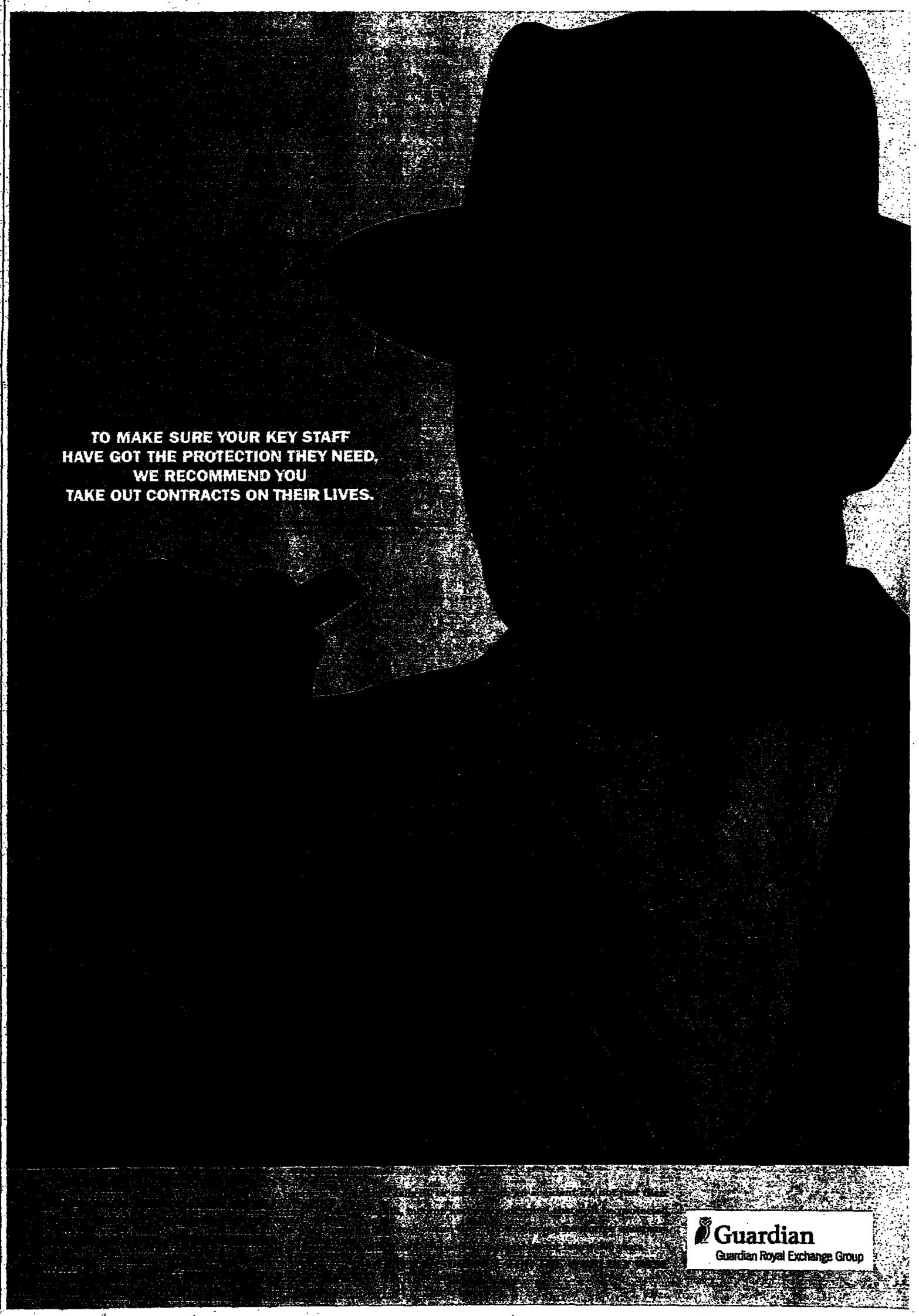
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- Provision of broadband communication services, (including PAY TV) for all Queensland Households
- Provision of two-way interactive services for the QTSC Group

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UK Growth Acc	404.20	430.10†	+ 0.50	2.50
UK Growth Inc	368.30	396.50†	+ 0.60	2.90
Higher Inc Acc	749.90	798.00†	+ 2.10	4.12
Higher Inc Inc	646.80	443.60†	+ 1.10	4.12
UnitPref Int Acc	197.10	209.20†	+ 0.10	5.82
UnitPref Int Inc	180.84	85.74†	+ 0.05	5.82
Nth America	321.10	341.60†	- 2.30	...
Europa	305.30	324.80†	...	0.99
Ind Recall	80.60	85.75	...	2.95
Ints Fixed Int Acc	108.60	118.60†	+ 0.40	4.76
Ints Fixed Int Inc	76.60	81.50†	+ 0.24	4.76
Mutual Opps	92.33	98.23	+ 0.50	0.33
Balanced Acc	56.27	61.98†	+ 0.04	2.98
Balanced Inc	55.76	59.32†	+ 0.04	2.99
Japan Acc	44.29	47.12†	- 0.36	...
Pac Basin Acc	367.20	390.70†	- 3.50	0.96

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	127.20	135.10†	+ 0.20	7.49
High Inc Equity	174.60	186.70†	+ 0.10	4.22
Worldwide Bond	266.30	308.50	+ 0.10	4.81
Capital Growth				
American Growth	524.90	347.50	+ 0.70	0.53
Asian Pacific	303.00	324.10	+1.80	
Assets & Earnings	291.90	310.50	- 0.20	2.73
Comdty & Energy	100.70	107.70	- 1.10	0.15
Euro Capital Inc	143.80	153.90	- 0.10	0.63
do - Accum	154.40	165.10	- 0.10	0.63
General	262.40	277.60	- 0.40	3.01
Japan	115.50	123.50	- 1.30	...
Mastermart	148.10	158.40	- 0.50	1.53
Nth Emerging Cos	157.70	178.40	+ 0.30	
Income & Growth	426.00	455.30	- 0.60	2.39
Ethical	72.80	77.45	+ 0.25	2.81
International	120.50	128.30	- 0.60	0.76
Dividend & Growth	65.50	69.66	+ 0.03	4.63
Mutual Gwth & Inc	69.52	74.22	+ 0.02	2.86

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733
UK Small Cos 1977 00 2052.66

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0800 833 388

Amer Inc & Growth	56.80	53.84†	- 0.23	0.56
Cash	50.33	50.33†	...	5.01
Emerging Mkts	67.22	71.25	- 0.49	0.05
European	125.50	131.80	- 0.60	...
Financial	1016.30	1085.10†	+ 2.00	4.72
Extra Income #	48.65	52.04†	+ 0.04	6.53
Far East Emg Eco	114.80	122.10	- 0.80	0.51
Fixed Interest #	23.27	24.43	- 0.03	9.62
Fixed Int Tst	163.00	171.50†	- 0.20	9.07
Japan	160.80	169.30	- 1.30	...
Latin American	48.87	51.08	- 0.81	0.96
Pacific	77.49	82.80	- 0.51	0.52
Property Shares	60.34	63.87	- 0.06	2.74
UK Emerging Cos	68.79	73.23	- 0.07	1.66
UK Growth	47.83	50.43†	+ 0.04	2.33
Alter World Port #	77.37	78.81	- 0.09	2.86
Ethical	70.60	74.11	- 0.10	2.36
Aberdeen Gtd Inc #	50.16	52.16†	+ 0.02	7.49

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0131 549 3232

Select Portfolio	92.93	98.87†	- 0.51	...

AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0171 256 5868

Rendit Property	97.92	104.00	...	5.28

ALLCHURCHES IMV MGMT SVS LTD
01452 305 858

Amity Income	80.63	85.55†	+ 0.21	2.40
Income Builder Inc	74.20	78.94	+ 0.23	2.75

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514

Balanced Tsts				
Growth & Income	251.20	268.50†	+ 0.20	2.91
Capital	447.80	478.60†	+ 0.20	1.73
Balanced	745.60	796.40	+ 1.20	2.50
Accumulator	1396.00	1492.00†	+ 1.00	2.72
Income Tsts				
American Income	53.66	57.35	...	3.10
High Income	414.80	443.40†	- 0.40	3.46
Equity Income	293.40	349.50	- 0.20	3.34
High Yield	251.70	269.00†	- 0.10	3.25
Bond Securities	33.91	34.72†	+ 0.04	8.11
International Tsts				
Asset Spec Sits	175.30	187.30†	+ 0.50	0.37
European Growth	41.15	43.93	+ 0.08	0.81
International	171.00	182.60†	+ 0.70	0.18
Japan	151.50	203.80	- 1.00	0.01
Pacific	383.50	409.90	- 2.30	0.01
Sects of America	467.80	539.50†	+ 1.00	0.44
Wkdly Asset Val	50.76	54.26	- 0.26	0.22
Specialist Tsts				
Asset Value	564.60	602.80	- 0.40	2.12
Conv & Gtt	44.23	47.28	+ 0.17	4.91
Smaller Cos	188.10	202.10†	...	1.19
2nd Smaller Cos	178.50	191.20†	+ 0.10	1.27
Recovery	151.40	161.80†	- 0.10	1.82
Mat Mkt & Cnty	150.60	161.30†	- 1.20	0.74
Gross Earnings	376.60	404.50	+ 0.30	1.68
Technology	226.00	241.80†	+ 1.70	0.01
Uk Special Sits	509.30	544.40†	+ 0.10	1.38

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01293 826 911

Extrnd Dist Fund	108.09	112.20	...	3.04
Fmnclin Prnt Fnnc	65.56	68.86	...	1.44

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 600 0333

Capital	74.75	79.52	+ 0.21	1.85
International	65.85	70.06	...	...

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242

America	283.80	304.70†	- 2.70	...
Bond	113.80	119.50†	+ 0.10	7.08
Brd Sterl Cos	111.20	118.40	- 0.40	1.88
Cons & Gen #	88.21	73.68	+ 0.04	5.34
Europe	228.90	244.80	- 0.30	0.65
Euro Smlr Cos	104.50	112.00	- 0.50	0.62
Extended Gwth	104.40	109.80	- 0.50	1.92
Japan	311.30	331.10†	- 2.30	...
Latin American	67.20	71.49	- 1.20	...
Pacific	184.80	111.20	- 0.80	1.27
Uk Smlr Cos	59.07	62.84	- 0.27	1.26
Uk Growth	482.30	600.00	- 2.70	...
Mngd Pd	184.80	196.40	- 0.50	3.03

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 499 0873

Brit & Overs	334.40	341.50	- 0.80	0.84
Capital Gwth	139.20	126.80	+ 0.70	2.60
Wrldwd Opps	198.20	208.70	-	0.98

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
0181 534 5544

Blst Inv Fd Inc	370.70	396.10†	+ 1.80	2.78
European Bd Inc	92.85	95.93	+ 0.22	6.39
Exempt	75.29	80.49†	+ 0.19	4.21
Financial	88.03	94.15	- 0.15	2.62
Gilt	457.40	505.30	- 1.10	7.61
General	297.50	307.00†	+ 0.70	2.65
Property	343.80	361.80	...	5.57
Tracker	203.60	217.10	+ 0.60	2.33
Income Tsts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†	...	5.01
Extra Income #	125.80	134.80†	+ 0.20	5.01
Gilt & Fxd Int	97.97	58.99	- 0.14	8.46
Income	550.70	589.00	+ 0.80	3.86
Income Builder #	65.05	69.38	+ 0.01	3.65
Intl Income	93.15	99.31	- 0.25	3.29
Growth Tsts - UK				
Capital	128.00	135.50	+ 0.60	2.34
Leisure	143.10	153.00	+ 0.50	1.70
Recovery	438.00	470.00	+ 0.50	1.70
Smlr Cos Inc	47.78	51.25	+ 0.01	2.24
Special Sits	334.60	347.40	- 1.40	1.49
Growth Tsts - Overseas				
America	148.60	158.20	- 0.60	0.30
Asst Acc	247.90	266.10	- 1.70	2.24
Asst Inc	151.20	162.30	- 1.10	2.24
Euro Gwth Inc	169.20	178.20	- 0.60	0.78
- do - Accum	172.00	183.80	- 0.90	0.78
Japan & Gen Inc	158.60	168.80	- 1.60	
- do - Accum	160.50	168.90	- 1.70	...
Japan Spec Sits	72.97	77.30	- 0.61	...
Uber Tech Inc	86.79	94.62	- 0.53	...
Worldwide Gth	174.60	185.40	- 0.80	0.84

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 214 1000

American Growth	107.20	113.40		
Amer Smlr Cos	149.40	159.30	- 0.40	
Convertibles	52.81	56.69†	- 0.08	5.70
Eastern	262.50	305.80	- 2.80	0.30
Equity Income	82.42	93.79†	+ 0.31	4.16
European Growth	311.40	330.40	- 0.90	0.80
Europe	269.50	277.30	- 0.60	0.20
Gensec Growth	89.16	95.04	- 0.08	0.50
Global Bond	65.37	68.79	- 0.20	6.50
Global Growth	134.50	143.20	- 0.50	
Japan Growth	197.30	210.20	- 0.70	
Japan Smlr Cos	150.20	159.70	- 0.70	
Money Trust	80.04	87.53	+ 0.02	4.18
Pacific	178.50	145.20	+ 0.10	2.36
- do - Accum	252.40	270.50	+ 0.30	2.36
UK Growth	86.50	92.77	+ 0.48	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	83.70	91.19†	- 0.19	1.80
Select Managers	79.91	85.67	- 0.17	1.80

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3000

Intl Centr Port Inc	79.11	84.16	-	2.22
Special Opper Inc	56.20	59.72	-	0.84

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
0141 223 6020

Balanced Growth	139.20	135.13†	- 0.01	1.48
- do - Accum	138.38	144.32	- 0.01	1.48
Smaller Cos	138.97	126.01	- 0.02	0.68
Higher Yield #	48.94	51.78†	- 0.05	4.29
American Gth Inc	80.38	85.06	- 0.16	...
European Growth	145.58	154.06†	- 2.02	0.52
- do - Accum	148.46	157.10	- 2.06	0.52
Global Bond Inc #	97.96	79.84	- 0.08	7.37
Mngd Pnsn Inc	45.32	48.01†	- 0.10	1.46
- do - Accum	45.55	48.24	- 0.10	1.46
Int Sec Opps	131.71	139.37	+ 1.52	...
Pacific Gth	131.59	139.19	- 0.44	0.30
UK General #	92.80	97.82	- 1.21	3.19
- do - Accum #	86.54	91.28	- 1.26	3.19
Japan	58.20	61.59	- 0.53	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	97.42	100.95	- 0.18	8.61

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 488 7216

Short Dated Gtt	85.92	86.76	- 0.01	6.37

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5800

Envisn	169.70	180.60	+ 0.70	1.69
UK Growth	183.40	195.20	+ 0.40	2.16
UK Income	137.70	146.50†	+ 0.30	4.43

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 822 100

Can Gen Dist	208.60	221.30†	+ 0.50	1.79
- do - Income Dist	113.50	120.10	+ 0.40	4.16
- do - Accum	355.60	378.20	+ 1.10	4.16
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.98	42.28	+ 0.19	6.43
Growth Units	220.60	235.90	+ 0.60	2.14
Bond	169.66	178.80	- 0.70	6.56
Intl Growth	230.90	235.00	- 1.40	0.46
North American	214.10	228.80	- 0.70	0.33
Far East	277.10	296.40	- 2.40	1.11
UK Smaller Cos	196.00	209.60	- 0.50	1.54
European	66.38	71.01	- 0.50	0.71
Japanese Growth	45.17	48.01	- 0.33	
High Income	198.60	213.50†	+ 0.30	4.84

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7400 Enq 0161 831 7400 Dlg 0161 831 7455

American & Gen	175.40	186.60†	- 1.30	
Eastprice Inc	92.13	86.95	- 0.17	1.22
Smaller Cos (4-1)	91.65	97.58†	+ 2.18	1.63
Growth	407.60	497.50	+ 1.50	1.98
Income & Growth #	429.70	457.20	+ 0.30	3.63
- do - Accum #	625.80	665.80	+ 0.40	3.63
Japan & Gen	65.85	69.93	- 0.48	
Managed Portfolio	1206.91	1168.42†	...	2.34
- do - Accum	1128.41	1192.67	...	2.34
Special Sits	169.80	116.60	- 0.20	1.97
High Yield	214.07	214.31	+ 1.00	4.35

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0706

Cazenove Portfolio	90.62	96.75	- 0.11	2.64
American Portfolio	104.98	111.38	- 0.06	1.09
European Portfolio	109.11	116.49	- 0.20	0.56
High Income	68.29	58.42	+ 0.05	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	84.89	89.02†	- 0.31	
Pacific Portfolio	140.41	150.86	- 1.33	1.48
UK Inc & Growth	83.38	89.48†	+ 0.01	3.65
Utility & Bond	58.02	54.71	- 0.14	6.52

CENT BD OF RN OF CHURCH OF ENG
0171 588 1815

Inv Fund	708.30	720.60	- 1.50	4.42
Fxd In Sec	152.17	152.77	- 0.60	9.69

COF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

Investment Inc	703.60	714.24	...	4.47
Investment Acc	1303.98	1331.45	+65.65	
Fixed Int Inc	122.55	124.05	+ 0.64	9.57
Fixed Int Acc	205.62	206.44	+ 1.05	

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
0171 637 7667

Intl Growth	117.97	120.35	...	
UK Income	118.27	120.24	...	6.28

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5955

Exchange Intl	65.98	69.73†	...	2.68
Black Sea Trust	37.70	41.46	...	
Japan Emrgd Tst	164.81	172.85	...	0.74
City Fin Assets	73.77	77.47†		1.77
City Fin America	95.95	100.66		
City Fin Int	83.51	87.68†		1.35
City Fin Japan	145.61	152.15		
Friars Hse Cap	276.52	301.18	...	2.42
Friars Hse Inc	193.25	209.40	...	4.83
Berkley Wrld Grw	130.92	136.77†		
Fdrnsq Cap Gth	141.89	151.53		
Fdrnsmark Int	151.59	162.35		
J Sbt Inc/Gth Inc	56.36	58.85		2.01

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300
Emerging Markets 53.69 59.30 - 0.07

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

American Gwth	71.42	76.39	- 0.62	
Allied Mngd Gwth	38.84	42.02	- 0.16	0.56
Dragon Growth	68.16	70.98	- 0.49	0.94
Property High Inc	85.30	92.46	- 0.24	4.14
Extra Income Inc	119.62	128.40	+ 0.34	4.14
Extra Income Acc	25.59	26.95†	- 0.07	7.83
Extra Income Acc	28.63	30.04	- 0.08	7.83
European Gwth	54.51	57.97	- 0.15	1.51
Evergrowth	27.32	29.21	- 0.24	
General Equity	91.15	96.71	+ 0.27	3.00
Japan Growth	48.57	52.09	- 0.36	
Property Growth	68.34	73.23	- 0.07	1.66
Managed Fund	70.80	75.09†	- 0.05	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.51	45.22	- 0.13	1.80
- do - Accum	49.48	52.64	- 0.15	1.80
UK & General	85.85	91.13†	+ 0.47	2.79
- do - Accum	109.92	116.94†	+ 0.62	2.79
UK Growth	158.73	168.86	- 0.12	2.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	107.63	108.81	- 0.10	0.12
Far East Gen Gth	128.12	134.17	- 1.02	
Global Bond	80.88	85.72†	- 0.59	6.25
Global Growth	113.53	120.78	- 0.61	
Japan Growth	192.97	205.30	- 0.86	
North Amer Gth	76.39	81.27	- 0.73	0.07
Oriental Growth	67.03	71.31†	- 0.24	0.07

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT BTL LTD
01981 590 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)
Income Funds

Equity Inc	165.66	176.25†	- 0.27	4.98
Fixed & Convertible	38.22	41.72†	- 0.04	7.97
Monthly Inc Plus	47.98	51.04†	- 0.04	8.78
Preference Shares	45.23	48.12†	+ 0.04	8.10
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.26	133.38†	- 0.05	6.09
Managed Pprd	70.50	75.00†	- 0.05	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.51	45.22	- 0.13	1.80
- do - Accum	49.48	52.64	- 0.15	1.80
UK & General	85.85	91.13†	+ 0.47	2.79
- do - Accum	109.92	116.94†	+ 0.62	2.79
UK Growth	158.73	168.86	- 0.12	2.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	107.63	108.81	- 0.10	0.12
Far East Gen Gth	128.12	134.17	- 1.02	
Global Bond	80.88	85.72†	- 0.59	6.25
Global Growth	113.53	120.78	- 0.61	
Japan Growth	192.97	205.30	- 0.86	
North Amer Gth	76.39	81.27	- 0.73	0.07
Oriental Growth	67.03	71.31†	- 0.24	0.07

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT BTL LTD
0181 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)
Income Funds

Equity Inc	165.66	176.25†	- 0.27	4.98
Fixed & Convertible	38.22	41.72†	- 0.04	7.97
Monthly Inc Plus	47.98	51.04†	- 0.04	8.78
Preference Shares	45.23	48.12†	+ 0.04	8.10
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.26	133.38†	- 0.05	6.09
Managed Pprd	70.50	75.00†	- 0.05	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.51	45.22	- 0.13	1.80
- do - Accum	49.48	52.64	- 0.15	1.80
UK & General	85.85	91.13†	+ 0.47	2.79
- do - Accum	109.92	116.94†	+ 0.62	2.79
UK Growth	158.73	168.86	- 0.12	2.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	107.63	108.81	- 0.10	0.12
Far East Gen Gth	128.12	134.17	- 1.02	
Global Bond	80.88	85.72†	- 0.59	6.25
Global Growth	113.53	120.78	- 0.61	
Japan Growth	192.97	205.30	- 0.86	
North Amer Gth	76.39	81.27	- 0.73	0.07
Oriental Growth	67.03	71.31†	- 0.24	0.07

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 358 359

Growth	168.40	178.10†	+ 0.20	1.38
Income	72.11	76.72	...	5.55
European	63.50	67.55	- 0.13	1.16
Recovery	168.40	178.10	+ 0.60	2.02

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494

Equity Dist	897.66	912.20		3.45

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 880 370

Fellowship Tst	86.61	85.32†	+ 0.10	1.57
Income #	257.50	273.90	+ 0.60	4.31
- do - Accum #	260.20	270.30	+ 1.60	4.32
Smaller Cos	193.70	206.00	- 0.30	1.00
- do - Accum	238.30	253.50	- 0.40	1.00
Inv Portfolio	97.78	93.38	+ 0.01	1.60
High Inc Port #	75.54	80.38	+ 0.19	4.44

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 410 0777

Euro Small Cos	1542.70	1611.80	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1662.70	1184.30	...	...
UK Small Cos	1529.70	2010.60	...	...
US Small Cos	1883.50	1922.30	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8818

Disc Inc	220.00	231.80	...	2.85

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0131 315 2580

European Gwth	287.30	305.30	- 1.50	0.70
New Asia	214.80	228.60†	- 1.80	0.15
Japan Growth	118.10	127.10†	- 0.50	
Inc & Gth	437.30	463.80	- 0.50	
Nth Amer	330.00	338.00	- 3.70	0.06
UK Inc & Gth	225.30	240.80†	+ 1.10	2.77

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01242 527 555

UK Balanced Inc	152.50	162.20	+ 0.20	1.85
UK High Inc Inc	161.30	171.50	+ 0.10	4.29
- do - Accum	210.40	223.80	+ 0.20	
UK Prof & Fl Inc	58.89	61.58	- 0.04	5.09
Emrgmnkt Opps	92.89	98.81	- 0.18	0.05
UK Smlr Cos #	59.65	63.45	- 0.07	0.01
Euro Income Inc	47.17	50.00		15.80

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 080 626

American	148.70	148.90	- 0.90	1.17
Convertibles #	21.14	22.45†	+ 0.02	8.23
Equity Income #	132.80	141.10†	+ 0.40	3.76
Eurofund	49.92	52.92	- 0.12	0.36
Financial	47.84	50.83†	+ 0.18	1.48
Growth & Inc #	255.80	271.80†	+ 1.10	2.58
High Dist #	168.30	178.70	+ 1.00	4.24
International	394.80	419.50	- 0.80	0.12
Int Chal Inc	95.17	101.09†	- 0.40	2.73
Latin American	28.10	27.73	- 0.29	...
Pacific	78.27	83.11†	- 0.55	...
Prof High Inc	21.13	22.45†	+ 0.04	7.35
Tokyo	215.70	228.90†	- 1.20	...
UK Smaller Cos	254.40	270.30	- 0.60	1.02

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
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Bld Director Dlgs	95.52	101.73	- 0.30	1.54
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The days of the linguistically lazy are numbered. While the traditional response of "well, they all speak English anyway" may be true — with more than 80 per cent of secondary school pupils in the European Union learning English as a foreign language — being able to speak another language is becoming increasingly important in the competitive jobs market.

But which language to learn? French is the most common language taught in secondary schools in the UK, and is also the most popular choice by adults taking further education classes. While any language is an advantage on a CV, the fact that French is so widely studied in the UK means that it is of less value, unless you are truly bilingual.

The second most popular choice has been German, but it may soon be overtaken by Spanish. According to Simone Rees, director of international studies at International House in London: "Spanish is a real growth area. People don't study it at school, so it's new and exciting. And for business, remember that more than 350 million people around the world speak it."

There is also a trend towards learning non-European languages, particularly Russian and Japanese. "People are becoming more adventurous," Ms Rees says, "but these languages are difficult and so students study them almost exclusively for business use. It gives them a definite advantage."

Steve Cuthbert, director-general of the Institute of Marketing, agrees. "International marketers will need more languages. Certainly German now, but in the medium term Japanese and, in the long term, Mandarin."

While Naomi Stedham of Challenge Education Services has noticed an increasing eagerness among 18 to 25-year-olds to learn a language, it is never too late.

"Continuing professional development will ensure your employability," says Neville Benbow at the Institute of Management. "People need to acquire new skills. Probably the most important of these is another language."

There are numerous ways to learn a language as an adult, from books and tapes you can study at home, to evening classes, intensive courses and total immersion learning at training centres in the country itself. Your choice will depend on how much time and self-motivation you have, as well as how much money — many employers are still tardy in providing language training for staff unless it is a direct requirement of the job.

Marks & Spencer, for example, does not ask for language skills when recruiting, but when opening a new store in another country it sends over a UK manager who has had an intensive three-week language course. However, Sue Sadler, from M&S Corporate Communications, says: "Increasingly, if you want a job in international retailing, it will be vital to have skills in other languages."

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Catherine Sharman of the National Magazine Company: "I learnt French as it will be useful as we turn more pan-European"

If you have the time and the resources, total immersion study in the country is probably the most effective way to learn not only the language but also about the way of life and people's behaviour in business and social situations.

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"At the start of a new business relationship it is always much easier if you are able to talk with a client about his country in his own language," she says. "He immediately sees you with new eyes."

Catherine Sharman, 31, is the human resources adviser for the National Magazine Company and is learning French at evening classes. "I hadn't studied French since A level and felt I must brush up on it — I had time on my hands after finishing an MA in human resources management," she says. "While I don't need it for my job, it could be useful in the future as pan-European organisations will need staff with languages. None of the employees at NatMags needs to speak another language, but we have graduates who are fluent in three or four — not just French and German but Russian too. It can make you feel inadequate if you can speak only English."

Michael Lammiman, 26, works in an advertising agency and is studying Spanish at evening classes. "After university I took a TEFL course and lived in Spain for a year. I picked up the language quite well and took an A level last year at evening school," he says. "Now I want to become fluent. Languages are important and I will continue to study them — possibly French next as I did it at school. I hope that I will be able to use languages increasingly in the future for business."

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to the C.F.O. — Ref No. CDLC001

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Chancery Division

Legal professional privilege paramount

Regina v Derby Magistrates' Court, Ex parte B

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord *Mustill*, Lord Taylor *of Gosforth*, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead

[Reasons October 19]

A defendant could not obtain a witness summons under section 97 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 to compel production by a prosecution witness of proofs of evidence and attendance notes recording the witness's factual instructions to his solicitor where the witness had not waived legal professional privilege.

The witness's right to claim privilege was not to be weighed against the public interest in securing that all relevant evidence was made available to the defence, since legal professional privilege was a fundamental condition on which the administration of justice as a whole rested.

Clients had to be sure that what they told their legal advisers in confidence would never be revealed without their consent.

The House of Lords so held in giving reasons for their decision on June 22, 1995 to allow appeals by the appellant B from the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Gage) (*The Times* October 31, 1994) of his applications for judicial review of the issue by the Derby Stipendiary Magistrate of two witness summons ordering the appellant, a prosecution witness in committal proceedings, and his solicitor, to produce documents recording the appellant's factual instructions to his solicitor after the appellant had admitted carrying out a murder.

The appellant had later retracted his statement to that effect and claimed instead that although he had been present at the scene, his stepfather had carried out the murder. The appellant, relying on his second account, had been acquitted in the crown court of murder.

The appellant's stepfather was subsequently charged with the murder, and at the committal proceedings the appellant, giving evidence for the prosecution, had been asked during cross-examination about the instructions he had given to his solicitors before retracting his original account of the murder.

After the appellant had declined to waive privilege, the Stipendiary Magistrate had issued the summonses, pursuant to section 97 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, directing the appellant and his solicitor to produce the relevant attendance notes and proofs of evidence.

Leave to apply for judicial review of the magistrate's decision to issue the summonses were granted and heard together. The Divisional Court upheld the summonses but certified the following question:

"Whether a witness summons may properly be issued under section 97 to compel production by a prosecution witness in committal proceedings of proofs of evidence and attendance notes giving factual instructions to his solicitor which (a) may contain or record previous inconsistent statements by the witness; and/or (b) which are the subject of legal professional privilege which has not been waived."

Mr Robert Francis, QC and Mr Edward Cousins for the appellant: Mr Jonathan Goldberg, QC and Miss Joanna Greenberg, QC, for the stepfather: Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Nicholas Hilliard as amici curiae: Mr Patrick Upward and the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that in agreeing to issue the summonses, the magistrate had dealt separately with the terms of section 97 and with legal professional privilege.

As to the former, he had sought to equate the duty of the prosecution as to disclosure of material in their possession with his own duty to issue a summons under section 97. He also equated documents "material to the conduct of the defence" with documents, in the terms of section 97, "likely to be material evidence".

The statutory provisions governing the use which could be made of previous inconsistent statements were to be found in sections 4 and 5 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1865 (Lord Denman's Act). Although section 5 clearly referred only to written statements, section 4 applied to both oral and written statements.

If the witness denied making it, the previous inconsistent statement could be proved (section 4). Even if he admitted making it but adhered to evidence inconsistent with it, the statement could be put before the jury (section 5).

Mr Francis had argued, inter alia, that the documents could only be admitted in evidence if the appellant had denied making them or denied that they were inconsistent with his evidence. Before they could be admitted they would have to be shown to him and only if he denied making them or denied their inconsistency could they become admissible evidence.

Before counsel cross-examining the appellant could show him any such document, he would have to have the document in his hands. But he could not have the document in his hand since at the stage when cross-examination as to its contents had to begin the witness producing it could not give admissible evidence or be made to hand over the document.

Lord Denman's Act contemplated cross-examining counsel having the inconsistent statement in his hand so that the procedure which might culminate in the document becoming admissible could be begun.

Section 97 of the 1980 Act, however, contemplated the production by a witness of documents which were immediately admissible per se and without more.

In circumstances such as those of the present case, the two statutes did not marry. Mr Francis submitted that because the stepfather could not overcome that procedural impasse the documents sought were not "likely to be material evidence".

His Lordship thought that the argument was well founded. It might seem that the stepfather was being defeated by a technical obstacle, the inability to get the documents into his hands. The objection taken was, however, entirely in accordance with the principle that section 97 could not be used to obtain discovery. That was primarily what had been sought here.

The object of the application was to discover exactly what the appellant had said to his solicitor in support of his first account of the murder and cross-examine him on the details.

Mr Goldberg had frankly admitted in argument he had in mind that the appellant might have said things to his solicitor which only the murderer could have known: although whether the first account or the second account was correct the appellant was clearly at the scene and would on either version have had the opportunity to know what happened.

His Lordship therefore concluded that the summonses ought not to have been granted under section 97.

He then turned to the second main issue. That would arise only if the conditions for issue of a witness summons under section 97 were satisfied, but it raised a discrete ground of appeal.

Mr Francis had submitted that the documents covered by the witness summons were protected by legal professional privilege, and were therefore immune from production. In the course of the committal proceedings the appellant had refused to waive privilege.

The magistrate had considered that it was his duty to weigh the public interest which protected confidential communications between a solicitor and his client against the public interest in securing that all relevant and admissible evidence was made available to the defence.

In his view the balance came down firmly in favour of production. The appellant could no longer be regarded as having any recognisable interest in asserting privilege. The overriding consideration was the need to secure a fair trial for the stepfather.

In holding that he was obliged to weigh competing public interests against each other, the magistrate had followed the decision of the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, in *R v Ataou* ([1988] QB 798). If *Ataou* was correctly decided, then the magistrate had plainly been entitled to take the view he did.

Indeed Lord Justice McCowan had described the balancing exercise which he had carried out as flawless and his Lordship would not disagree. There could be no question of the appellant being tried again for murder and it was most improbable that he would be prosecuted for perjury.

The important question remained, however, whether *Ataou* was correctly decided, and in particular whether when there was a claim for privilege in respect of confidential communications between solicitor and client there was a balancing exercise to be performed at all.

Mr Francis had submitted that there was not. He pointed out that in the long history of legal professional privilege there was no hint of any such exercise having been performed prior to the decision of Mr Justice Caulfield in *R v Barton* ([1973] 1 WLR 115).

[His Lordship accordingly looked at the history of the privilege from the sixteenth century up to *Ataou* and *Barton* and continued:]

The principle which ran through all the cases was that a man had to be able to consult his lawyer in confidence, since otherwise he might hold back half the truth. The client had to be sure that what he told his lawyer in confidence would never be revealed without his consent.

Legal professional privilege was thus much more than an ordinary rule of evidence, limited in its application to the facts of a particular case. It was a fundamental condition on which the administration of justice as a whole rested.

Mr Goldberg had submitted that in other related areas of the law, privilege was less sacrosanct than it was. He pointed to the restrictions recently imposed on the right to silence, and the statutory exceptions to the privilege against self-incrimination in the fields of revenue and bankruptcy. But those examples only served to illustrate the flaw in that thesis.

Nobody doubted that legal professional privilege could be modified, or even abrogated, by statute, subject always to the objection that legal professional privilege was a fundamental human right protected by the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, as to which their Lordships had not heard any argument.

Mr Goldberg's difficulty was this: whatever inroads might have been made by Parliament in other areas, legal professional privilege was a field which Parliament had so far left untouched.

Mr Richards had acknowledged the importance of maintaining legal professional privilege as the general rule but submitted that the rule should not be absolute. There might be occasions, if only by way of rare exception, in which the rule should yield to some other consideration of even greater importance.

He referred by analogy to the balancing exercise which was called for where documents were withheld on the ground of public interest immunity.

But the drawback to that approach was that once any exception to the general rule was allowed, the client's confidence was necessarily lost. The solicitor, instead of being able to tell his client that anything which the client might say would never in any circumstances be revealed without his consent, would have to qualify his assurance.

He would have to tell the client that his confidence might be broken if in some future case the court were to hold that he no longer had "any recognisable interest" in asserting his privilege. One can see at once that the purpose of the privilege would thereby be undermined.

As for the analogy with public interest immunity, it by no means followed that because a balancing exercise was called for in one class of case, it might also be allowed in another. Legal professional privilege and public interest immunity were as different in their origin as they were in their scope.

Putting it another way, if a balancing exercise had ever been required in the case of legal professional privilege, it had been performed once and for all in the sixteenth century, and since then had applied across the board in every case, irrespective of the client's individual merits.

It was not for the sake of the appellant alone that the privilege had to be upheld. It was in the wider interests of all those hereafter who might otherwise be deterred from telling the whole truth to their solicitors.

No exception should be allowed to the absolute nature of legal professional privilege, once established. It followed that *Barton* and *Ataou* were wrongly decided and ought to be overruled.

Lord Lloyd and Lord Nicholls delivered concurring speeches and Lord Keith and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Hunt & Coombs, Peterborough; Greene D'Sa, Leicester; Treasury Solicitor; Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Surprising advice over other side's papers

Ablitt v Mills & Reeve (a Firm) and Another

Before Mr Justice Blackburne

[Judgment October 24]

It was surprising that *The Guide to Professional Conduct of Solicitors* (sixth edition (1993) paragraph 16.07 p336)) dealing with what a solicitor should do, when it was obvious that privileged documents belonging to the other side had been mistakenly disclosed to him, continued, after stating "the solicitor should immediately cease to read the documents, inform the other side, and return them", with advice that "before informing the other side, the solicitor should consider whether to obtain instructions from his client . . .".

Mr Justice Blackburne so observed in the Chancery Division, in acceding to a motion by the plaintiff, Anthony Richard Ablitt, seeking, inter alia, an injunction restraining Mills & Reeve, the first defendant, solicitors to the second defendant, Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd from acting as Norwich's solicitors in Action 1993 A No 15 in the Great Yarmouth District Registry of the Queen's Bench Division.

Mr Andrew Sutcliffe for the plaintiff; Mr Roderick Noble for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE BLACKBURNE said that in September 1995 seven lever-arch files had been sent in error by a junior clerk in the chambers of the plaintiff's counsel to the first defendant's offices.

There, the solicitor acting realised the error, referred to the *Guide* and conceived it his duty (a) to obtain instructions from Norwich Union and (b) to warn Norwich Union, pursuant to the express further advice in that *Guide* "that a court will probably grant an injunction to prevent the overt use of any information gleaned and that both client and the solicitor might find costs awarded against them in respect of such an injunction (see *English and American Insurance Co Ltd v Herbert Smith* ([1988] FSR 232)".

In spite of that warning, Norwich Union had instructed that solicitor to read the files. He and an assistant had duly read them, before returning them to the plaintiff's solicitors with a compliments slip on which "sent to us in error" had been typed.

Subsequently, the defendants had offered undertakings that neither of the defendants would make any use of any information derived from any of the files in question and that there would be delivery up of any written or disk or other note that had been prepared from them.

However, there had been a refusal to agree that neither should the first defendant, nor its solicitor or his assistant, continue to act on Norwich Union's behalf in the main action.

Mr Noble contended that to deprive Norwich Union of their services would be expensive and highly disruptive.

To his Lordship's mind, it offended elementary notions of fairness and justice if Norwich Union, having knowingly taken advantage of mistaken delivery of counsel's papers, could nevertheless continue to have the services in the main action of people who, having read them all, had a very accurate perception of just how the plaintiff's advisers viewed the merits of his claim and the steps they were advising him to take.

To deny the plaintiff the order he sought would risk undermining the first safeguard referred to in the judgment of the Court of Appeal in *Ridehalgh v Horsefield* ([1994] Ch 205, 224):

"Parties must be free to unburden themselves to their legal advisers without fearing that what they say may provide ammunition for their opponent. . ."

His Lordship would therefore make the order as sought by the plaintiff.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Morgan Jones & Pett, Great Yarmouth; Mills & Reeve, Norwich.

Former tenant not liable for rates after forfeiture

Kingston Upon Thames London Borough Council v Marlow

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Scott Baker

[Judgment October 23]

In the case of unoccupied business premises, where a claim for forfeiture of a lease had been accepted by the tenant, the rating authority should look to the landlord for liability as to the rates.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing an appeal by the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames by way of case stated from the dismissal by Sutton Justices on November 28, 1994 of an information preferred against Michael Marlow for failure to pay non-domestic rates, contrary to section 45 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, in respect of offices he had occupied as a tenant.

Mr Brian Langstaff, QC and Mr Anthony Bradley for the council; Mr Graham Clark for Mr Michael Marlow, the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that following a dispute between the landlord and the respondent in connection with the landlord's demands for a contribution for repairs to the premises, the landlord had issued proceedings for, inter alia, forfeiture of the lease.

The respondent defended the general claim but did not seek relief from forfeiture. He vacated the premises, returned the keys and wrote to the landlord relinquishing the tenancy.

The rating authority sought payment of the rates for periods since the respondent had vacated the premises, contending, inter alia, that until a court order had been issued confirming that the relationship between the parties was ended, the person entitled to possession was the tenant.

His Lordship said that if the landlord claimed forfeiture then it was open to the tenant to accept and thereby terminate all future liabilities for the premises and he could accept the prior repudiation whether it was justified or not.

Vacating of the premises represented acceptance of the termination of the lease and the landlord was thereupon liable for the rates. The rating authority should therefore look to the landlord for the payment of non-domestic rates.

Mr Justice Scott Baker agreed.

Solicitors: Miss Jacqueline Clark, Kingston upon Thames; Marlows, Kingston upon Thames.

Corrections

In *Connelly v RTZ Corporation (The Times* October 20) counsel for the defendants, RTZ, were Mr Brian Doctor and Mr Charles A. W. Gibson.

In *Hunter v Canary Wharf and LDDC* (*The Times* October 13) counsel for the defendants were Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Mr Philip Havers, QC and Mr Daniel Stilitz.

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Time for nights to draw in the fans

Geoff Brown is your guide to the delights – and the dross – of the 39th London Film Festival, which opens next week

There are film festivals in the mountains, on lakes, near volcanoes; in places so exotic and weather so balmy that the off-screen delights upstage whatever unspools on the silver screen. And then there is one by the River Thames. In November.

At any time of the year it is hard to be festive on the South Bank. Yet once the nights draw in and the concrete grows dank the London Film Festival sets up shop, principally at the National Film Theatre. As prospective customers scan the pages of the official programme, many must ask, as I do, "Do I really want to go down there to see that interesting film from Burundi on Sunday night?".

No wonder one of the recent festival successes has been the "Film on the Square", sponsored by the *Evening Standard*. Here the action shifts over the river, mainly to the Odeon West End in Leicester Square, home of bright lights, many eateries and convenient public transport.

The films playing on the Square stay close to the mainstream, and all except a few will be playing commercially before long. The festival's curtain will rise there on November 2 with Kathryn Bigelow's *Strange Days*, a dark, technically audacious vision of life in Los Angeles four years hence, featuring Ralph Fiennes as a seedy hawker of virtual reality disks. On the closing night, November 19, you can see Robert De Niro and Sharon Stone in Martin Scorsese's eagerly awaited gambling saga *Casino*.

You can also watch Woody Allen being funny and poimed in *Mighty Aphrodite*, an inventive comedy on a subject Allen knows a lot about — child paternity. You can even, if you wish, catch *The Sound of Music* again.

This is not quite the kind of cinema the British Film Institute had in mind when it created the London Film Festival 39 years ago. High art, usually with subtitles, rolled then, and you could count the entries on the fingers of two hands. Now you need nearly 200 fingers to keep track of the festival schedule.

There are reasons for this. If the event were smaller, it would not get noticed by the media; and if it concentrated purely on esoteric fare, the BFI would have scant chance of reaping the revenue it wants.



Ralph Fiennes is on the screen — and on the screen — in Strange Days, Kathryn Bigelow's view of the immediate future, which opens the London Film Festival

Luckily, Sheila Whitaker, the festival's director, knows how to balance ingredients. For every film like *Leaving Las Vegas*, starring Nicolas Cage, there is one featuring Tao Chung-Hua or King Jieh-Wen, or some other Asian player. For every revival of the boringly well-known *Sound of Music* or *Dr Zhivago*, there is a vintage delight snatched from oblivion by archive restoration.

But even the most refined juggling act cannot obscure one basic problem. If your festival tends to scoop up material from other events rather than scour the planet for discoveries, you are inevitably governed by the quality of new films out and about on the world circuit.

Whitaker's selection is probably as strong as this year's film crop allows. There are some omissions. No *Haut Bas Fragile*: an endearing musical *divertissement* from Jacques Rivette, back on meandering, quirky form after the relatively impersonal *Jean La Pucelle*. No *Postman* by He Jianjin, an absorbing character study smuggled out of China for the Rotterdam Film Festival, where it was the audience's favourite. No *Fallen Angels*, a mixed blessing from the Hong Kong daredevil Wong Kar-wei. And Chabrol's Ruth Rendell adaptation, *Judgement in Stone*, originally scheduled, has now been withdrawn by its British distributors.

But, give or take a few dents and holes, you can still use the festival to discover what the world's leading film-makers are up to. Those of a hip disposition may gravitate towards Jim Jarmusch's *Dead Man*, a sluggish existential western, or the latest from Pedro Almodóvar, *The Flower of My Secret*, or Wayne Wang's bright but insubstantial *Smoke*, a trip round the Brooklyn melting pot in the company of Harvey Keitel.

Lovers of French big-budget cinema have *The Horseman on the Roof* to enjoy, although Jean-Paul Rappeneau's lavish tale of war, romance and cholera is not the equal of his *Cyrano de Bergerac*. And, despite its mixed reception at Venice, Antonioni's followers will still be anxious to see *Beyond the Clouds*, four tales of frustrated love, and the first feature the Italian maestro has completed since his stroke in 1985. There may even be some keen to see the new Kenneth Branagh, *In the Bleak Midwinter*: people are funny that way.

But the real joy of any film festival is to find a new talent flexing muscles somewhere in the world. Norway, for instance. *Eggs* is a tasty comic morsel from Bent Hamer about two aged brothers and their enclosed, bizarre life in an isolated cottage. Placid shots reveal their daily routine: walking up and down stairs, switching on the radio, staring out of windows. The idyll is ruffled by the arrival of an adult son, product of a weekend in Sweden on a moped. Bald-headed and with a child's mind, he sits in bed nursing his collection of eggs. The tone now starts to darken, but Hamer still maintains admirable control. This is a small film, but it lingers long in the mind.

Off-beat comedy of a more frivolous kind arrives with *Augustin*, a one-hour French jape from Anne Fontaine, spent in the company of a stammering misfit convinced of his great gifts as an actor. The comedy is far too droll to be hurtful. Crossing over to Belgium we find *Mannekin Pis*, a first feature by Frank Van Passel, and the best Belgian export since *Toto the Hero*. Both films share a sharp sense of the surreal: Belgium, after all is the land of René Magritte.

There are other distinctive films in the programme that no one should let slip. Marco Tullio Giordana's *Pasolini, an Italian Crime* offers a gripping reconstruction of events following the brutal killing of film director and poet Pier Paolo Pasolini.

Among the Asian material, your eyes should focus on the items currently without British distribution. From mainland China, Ning Ying's *On the Beat* delights and disturbs with its wickedly cool portrait of daily life in a Peking police station. Li Shaohong's *Blush* simmers with visual flourishes and an aching concern for the fortunes of two prostitutes following "retraining" in China of the 1950s. *Good Men, Good Women*, the latest from Hou Hsiao-Hsien, also demands attention: do not expect an easy ride through the tangled strands of Taiwanese history.

But for any film buff of a scholarly nature, none of the new films can compete with the restorations gathered from the world's archives. Al Jolson's fans will storm the box-office to see their idol in his Vitaphone short *The Plantation Act*. You can stargaze and toe-tap to *Paramount on Parade*, one of the best of Hollywood's early talking blockbusters. You can relish the biblical spectacle of *Sodom and Gomorrha*, made in Austria in 1922 by the future director of *Casablanca*, Michael Curtiz. You can weep gentle tears over Jacques Feyder's lovely *Visages d'Enfants*.

These are rarities that, unlike some of the festival programme, will never reach your local Odeon. Some days you just have to wrap up, go, and brave the South Bank.

● *Public booking for the London Film Festival opens on Friday at the National Film Theatre box office, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-928 3232)*

A night at the Oprah

A CRAGGY fixture on the musical landscape, Loudon Wainwright seems to have been merrily writing about his mid-life crisis and the traumas of dysfunctional family life for as long as most commentators care to remember. His latest album on the theme, *Grown Man*, is a typically knockabout affair, but subject to the tug of an increasingly pessimistic undercurrent.

Armed with just an acoustic guitar, and alone on a stage that seemed too big and stark for such an intimate, one-man act, Wainwright looked unusually exposed and vulnerable. Head rolling, tongue lolling and leg twitching like a little boy who's left it too late to reach the lavatory, he loosed off a swift volley of songs laced with his trademark epigrammatic wit. "Life's a job you're fired from unless, of course, you quit," seemed to sum up his philosophy, while in a customarily sardonic aside he described sex as "the distant and somewhat challenged cousin of love".

Several songs on the subject of how awful he looked and/or felt — including a hilarious version of *The Birthday Present* rendered in the style of a smarmy, Las Vegas crooner — were enough to disabuse anyone of the idea that he actually seemed in pretty good shape for a 49-year-old itinerant performer. But whereas in the past Wainwright's great strength has been his ability to sweeten the pill of some fairly sour messages with a healthy dose of humour, this show took on an increasingly solemn tone the longer it went on.

Joining the ranks of older musicians who routinely turn their performances into an opportunity to show off their kids (Ry Cooder, David Lindley, Van Morrison et al), he brought on his 19-year-old daughter, Martha Wainwright, for a rendition of *Father/Daughter Dialogue*, an earnest exploration of intergenerational angst. Wainwright Jr then sang her own song about meeting one of her (illegitimate) half-sisters for the first time. We had already heard her Dad's account of how painful it had been not to see the little girl grow up (*A Year*); and as Wainwright III joked himself, by now the show was becoming more like an Oprah Winfrey confessional than a concert.

The mawkish mood was interrupted by *I Wish I Was A Lesbian*, a scurrilously entertaining piece of politically incorrect doggerel. But the equally unreconstructed lyric of *Men*, which followed, had a sad, self-pitying tone, which failed to engage anything like the same degree of sympathy.

Perhaps Wainwright was striving too hard for a gravitas to match that of the venue. Or maybe he is just turning into a crotchety old man. But on this occasion, in sharp contrast to his run of club shows at the Borderline three years ago, some of the spring in his step was missing.

DAVID SINCLAIR

POP

Loudon Wainwright III
London Palladium

The Bard's best bits

Shakespeare hits our television screens this weekend as never before. Heather Neill reports

On a dozen screens Jane Horrocks as Doll Tearsheet, blonde curls awry, stained shift askew, is laughing contemptuously at Simon McBurney's Pistol for the umpteenth time. Not a murmur of complaint, and each take is as fresh as the first.

Horrocks and McBurney are two of a starry cast, including Rufus Sewell, Elizabeth Spriggs, David Calder and Josette Simon, recruited by Annie Castledine (producer) and John Caird (director) for a daring adaptation of *Henry IV* parts 1 and 2, to be broadcast in BBC2's *Performance* slot. Seven hours have been whittled down to a mere two and a half. But this is not just a matter of cutting.

For this is a new conception altogether, a video-shot but filmic telling of Prince Hal's story, in Shakespeare's words, but with no inhibitions about reordering, even reallocating, speeches, not only from the two *Henry IV* plays but *Richard II* (the deposition scene), *Henry VI* part 3, *Henry V* and even *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Caird says there should be "real prizes for spotting" the latter. We are miles away from the Bard on the Box of the Seventies.

Castledine is equally radical: "It is everybody's right to own Shakespeare." But will this audience, perhaps new to Shakespeare, be getting any true experience of the original?

"Forget theatre," says Castledine with missionary vehemence. She chose an experienced RSC director, however, to do the adaptation; an intimate knowledge of (and respect for) the text was essential. Caird had only weeks to prepare the script.

Castledine, well-known as a theatre director herself and committed to making the classics accessible, did a BBC director's course a couple of years ago and became fascinated by the possibilities of the medium.

When I visited the set shooting was, typically, behind schedule. In a space 100ft by 90ft an entire world had been created. It was magnificent. From the scruffy, smoky warmth of the Boar's Head Tavern, with its real barrels and its rustic table strewn with mussels, bread and (for the moment) polystyrene cups, a visitor wanders along gloomy passages, past a (stuffed) rat, to the cool blue-grey of the court, glimpsing on the way Henry IV's effigy — uncannily like Ronald Pickup, who plays him. There are courtyards and crannies and a council chamber with 30ft pillars.

The set is more naturalistic than most theatres would contemplate, but there is no attempt to recreate the period with the fidelity expected of, say, a television Jane Austen. Which period would it be anyway? Shakespeare had no qualms about anachronisms.



Jane Horrocks as Doll Tearsheet and and David Calder as Falstaff in the BBC2 adaptation

Ainsworth describes the style of the battle scene (there is only one, Shrewsbury) as abstract, which in practice means shooting in a studio and doing without hundreds of extras.

So what else is missing?

> "You can do what you like with Shakespeare; he won't buckle"

Glendower and Douglas: what Caird calls "people with the names of English counties talking to each other"; the familiar order of events. Caird reckons that he has kept everyone's favourite bits — the Boar's Head scenes, Hal and Hotspur in combat, Shallow and Silence.

To make Henry's position clear, he begins with Richard II relinquishing his crown (here overheard by Hal and Hotspur as children). To complete Falstaff's story, he has imported the description of his death from *Henry V*. This is played out beside Henry IV's tomb while Hal mourns, neatly summing up Caird's main theme, the relationship between sons and their fathers, real and surrogate.

With a £1 million budget (large for television, but tiny in film terms) he has concentrated on straightforward storytelling. Real people in real situations, the creations of Shakespeare's maturity are, he believes, freed from the accretions of historical epic.

Caird enjoys the opportunities provided by television technology: as Henry IV demands the crown back from Hal who has grasped it prematurely, Richard II's face momentarily floats into view; scenes are intercut, underlining the echoing themes of paternity, inheritance, honour; close-ups reveal the apprehension of individuals before battle and Falstaff's sudden realisation of his own mortality.

David Calder, who plays Falstaff, believes that "you can do what you like with Shakespeare, and be criticised for it; he won't buckle".

Shakespeare on television will not provide the same experience as Shakespeare on stage or even on film. Nor should it. The medium requires different techniques. Constraints of time and style are counterbalanced by the freedom provided by technology. The result should be as true to itself as an opera based on Shakespeare, as confident as Shakespeare himself was in his manipulation of English history for artistic ends.

● *Henry IV is on BBC2 on Saturday at 8.10pm*

Chains in Spain

OPERA

The Barber of Seville
Richmond Theatre

THE rose-pink glow of a pop-up toytown Seville is about to permeate the autumnal mists of Basingstoke, High Wycombe and Weston-super-Mare, as English Touring Opera starts out on a 30-venue itinerary which will keep the company busy between now and next June. Martin Duncan's production, new last February, is efficiently revived by Nicholas Bone, and Francis O'Connor's irresistible sets are in spruce and supple form.

All, though, is not southern light and comfort in this production. Rossini's comedy spins on a pivot of decorative artifice and ugly reality: at times it functions so much like a full-blooded escape drama that it is hard to tell whether this is Seville or the Seraglio. Pitted against the sometimes irritatingly choreographic gesturing of the jollier ensembles is an oppressive sense of shutter as cage, salon as cell.

In the second act, this dark and tyrannical Dr Bartolo (Jonathan May) presides over Seville-as-fortress. Berta is busy soldering the barred doors, and there is razor-wire on every turret. Rosina is manacled. Timothy Lole, conducting, gives space and time enough for these shadows to flicker fleetingly yet convincingly across Rossini's score. He also has the measure of his small band of young, occasionally raw players.

Gwion Thomas holds centre stage as Figaro, debonair in Jermyn Street tweeds and Seville-orange waistcoat, and is as expansive of character as of voice. He and Andrew Mackenzie-Wicks (Count Almaviva) create a nice double act, though the Count's very English tenor should beware of overload.

Don Basilio (Ashley Thorburn, as dapper of voice as of mien) can seldom resist getting out his music-stand and conducting every ensemble to which he is privy. But this does not deter this canny Rosina. There is as yet more wit and determination in her voice than sensuousness, and the resilience at the core of her performance should stand her, and her colleagues, in good stead for the long weeks ahead on the road.

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LONDON

GALA FOR BART'S: Alfred Brendel joins Colin Davis and the London Symphony Orchestra for Mozart's last piano concerto, No 27, as part of tonight's concert in aid of St Bartholomew's Hospital. The programme, repeated tomorrow in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, opens with Tippett's *Ritual Dances* from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and closes with Dvořák's sunny Symphony No 8. **Barbican,** Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and Thurs. 7.30pm.

SALAD DAYS: The magic piano plays again. Touring production of the *engaging Julian Slade/Dorothy* Reynolds musical, with Kit and the *Widow in the company, and directed by* Ned Sherrin. **Richmond,** *The Green,* Richmond (0181-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, *mats Wed and Sat,* 2.30pm.

CYRANO: Opening night for Edmond Rostand's bittersweet love-story relocated to colonial India in a co-production with Tara Arts' Indian stage and screen star Masseeruddin Shah plays the lover with the extravagantly large nose. Verse text by Ranjit Bolt. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) 7pm; in rep

ELSEWHERE

BATH: A four-day festival of Bach in Bath opens today, with Adrian Thompson, Charles Stewart and Marie

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Vassilou among the soloists for a performance of *St John Passion.* Other highlights include a chamber concert by Catherine Bott and the London Harpsichord Ensemble, Gillian Weir's organ recital in the Abbey and Antony Hopkins's lecture — the *B Minor* Mass explored — Saturday morning, followed by a 7.30pm performance, again at the Abbey **Box Office:** 01225-448831. Until Sat.

GLASGOW: *Scottish Opera continues* its season with a new production of *Offenbach's version of Helen of Troy,* **La Belle Hélène.** The glamorous and *funny Anne Howells takes the title role,* with Tracey Welborn as her toyboy Paris, *and John Mitchinson* her husband. Conductor Emmanuel Joel lends the *essential French input and the team of* Patrice Caurier and Moshe Leiser direct. **Theatre Royal,** *Hope Street* (0141-332 9000). Tonight, 7.15pm.

MANCHESTER: Owain Arwel Hughes conducts the Hallé Orchestra for tonight's very special Sir Charles Hallé centenary concert. Fiona Cameron, Pamela Helen Stephen, Martyn Hill and Jeremy How Williams join them for a programme of Beethoven's Symphony *No 3 in E flat, Eroica, and Mozart's Requiem in D minor.* **Free Trade Hall,** Peter Street (0161-834 1712). Tonight, 7pm.

SCARBOROUGH: First night of *previews for Stephen Jeffreys's excellent* four-actor adaptation of Dickens's *Hard Times. Kate Valentine directs.* **Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round,** Valley Bridge Parade (01723 370541). Tonight-Oct 31, 7.30pm; mat *Sat,* 3pm. *Opens Nov 1, 7.30pm. Until* Nov 25.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Dora Carrington (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum:** Textiles from Masada (0171-636 1555) . . **Festival Hall:** Magnum Cinema: photos from 50 years of movie-making (0171-960 4242) . . . **National Gallery:** Gods in Love: the Caracci Cartoons Restored (Sunley Rooms) (0171-747 2885) . . **National Portrait Gallery:** John Korbal Photographic Portrait Award (0171-306 0055) . . **Royal Academy:** Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine,** Big City: Artists from Africa (0171-723 9072) . . **Tate:** Dynasties: Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England; Artists's Books (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A:** Design Now: San Lorenzo Silversmiths Studio, Milan (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel:** Seven Stories about Modern Art in Africa (0171-522 7888)

Scattered tale of two queens

DONALD COOPER



Barbara Flynn (left) and Janet McTeer: playing out Mary and Elizabeth's odd, long-distance relationship

THEATRE

Vivat! Vivat Regina!
Mermaid

This well-acted revival simultaneously marks the arrival of a company called Pageant Theatre at that half-forgotten address, the Mermaid, and allows London audiences to pay their respects to Robert Bolt, who died earlier this year.

His *Vivat!* never achieved the popularity of his other study of Tudor monarchy securing itself at other people's expense, *A Man For All Seasons;* but it provided a strong role for Eileen Atkins in 1970 and gives the admirable Janet McTeer a chance to show her emotional paces a quarter of a century later.

The play contrasts two public women: Mary Queen of Scots, who tries to reconcile her desires with her duties, and fails; and Elizabeth, who subordinates one to the other, and triumphs. "You are a greater monarch than your father," says Barry Stanton's *canny Cecil,* "and he was a man among men." McTeer's Elizabeth, who never asked to be the man her father was, reacts with a self-mocking wave of the hands, a sigh, and a trudge across the stage. She has destroyed part of herself, and knows it.

The play begins in 1558, with Barbara Flynn's Mary in France, and ends in 1587, with her beheading. That inevitably means a lot of incident. Indeed, one sometimes longs for a less conscientious playsmith than Bolt — Will Shakespeare perhaps — to cut, concentrate, and take creative liberties with history. The result is a more scattered piece than *Man For All Seasons;* a shallower one, too, when you remember what Paul Scofield was able to do with the struggles of Thomas More.

Nevertheless, Roy Marsden's direction proved clear and crisp enough to keep me interested in the Mortons, Darnleys, Rizzios, Ruthvens and all the *other period trade patrolling Poppy* Mitchell's elegant red-and-gold stage. Sean Scanlan's John Knox is a particular success, managing as he does to make his linear successor, Ian Paisley, seem soft and yielding by comparison. But what really matter are, of course, *the two queens and their odd, long-distance bond.*

Flynn's Mary grabs Bothwell by the ankle at one point and acts mildly *mischievous at others, but does not* explain why less sombre men than Knox find her spirited and sexually provocative. McTeer fares better. To say she could be darker, grimmer, more twisted, may only reflect nostalgia for Eileen Atkins, a specialist in *such things. Actually, she makes a* striking and, on the whole, absorbing Elizabeth.

At first she has some of Mary's *girlishness, and can sulk and pout at* the loss of a lover or a Leicester, but as her gowns get more gorgeous and she herself more formidable, her cheeks get more withered, her wit drier, the sum effect sadder. You couldn't quite call it emotional suicide; but it is a good *lesson in the price extorted by power.*

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Peter Geeves as the rough quarantine guard, Kabe

Prisoners of the pestilence

One Flea Spare
Bush

AFTER the scattergun attack in her last play, *In the Heart of America,* upon the American fondness for shooting anything that moves at home or abroad, Naomi Wallace sharply tightens her focus in this latest, thrillingly original work, set for the most part in a virtually bare London room during the Great Plague.

William Snelgrave, a colleague of Pepys at the Navy Board, is confined to his house, together with his wife Darcy, after all their servants have perished. A rough guard (Peter Geeves) watches their door, passing food through a window in exchange for gold and Darcy's jewels. Holed up with them is Bunce, a sailor escaping the press-gang, and a 12-year-old waif, as strange as her name, Morse. The four of them must remain in each other's company for the 28 days of quarantine and, true to the tradition of such plays, finding their escape routes closed they disclose themselves.

What chiefly is disclosed, through Wallace's intriguing choice of incidents, is humanity's longing for contact, undiminished by years of suffering or neglect. In this respect the central character is Darcy, given an impeccable and deeply moving performance by Sheila Reid. Married at 15, soon afterwards fearfully burnt in the attempt to rescue a horse from a stable fire, she has passed the next 40 years virtually untouched by human hand. Gloved and God-fearing, her instincts declare war against her social training, but the battle is not easily won.

Snelgrave is a powerful and sarcastic husband; Bunce's care for his own survival has taught him to mind his place. it is Morse, unnaturally old for her years (and unnaturally poetic in her speech), whose directness cuts through convention and brings them together.

The speech of the adults is *sonorous, of the period but* free from archaic *prithees* and the like. Often it is marvellously comic, particularly when the Snelgraves attempt to learn about life and lust at sea without being able to voice the necessary words, and Bunce deliberately makes it difficult for them or, just as deliberately, overwhelms them with an answer. Jason Watkins subtly shows Bunce's independent spirit *asserting itself until his natural* tenderness impels him to rebel against his overlord, tying him to the chair with the knotting skills he was earlier asked to demonstrate.

Equally skilful is Robert Langdon Lloyd's welding of arrogance, absurdity and perception into a credible human portrait. Wallace asks too much of a very young actress in the role of Morse, and while Carly Maker's memory for her part is impressive there is a quality of recitation about it, and some crucial lines are indistinct.

Above all, it is the moments of physical contact that make this play, in Dominic Dromgoole's lucid production, so exquisitely memorable. Darcy delicately inserts her finger into the unhealed wound in Bunce's side; Morse, and later Bunce, stroke Darcy's limbs and stricken breasts to find what feeling survives there: the fear *and rapture that illuminate* Reid's face are wonderful to see.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **DEAD FUNNY:** Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally *and Sam Kelly in Tony* Johnson's sharply funny play about *comics and some of their fans.* **Savoy,** The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm; *Sat,* 8.15pm; *mats* Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE HOTHOUSE:** Assailed by crises in a mysterious detention centre, Harold Pinter is marvellously funny, heading the strong cast in his own, long-buried play. With Tony Haygarth, Celia Imrie and John Shrapnel **Comedy,** Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's powerful production back in the West End again, this time with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society. **Garrick,** Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **JOLSON:** The story of the first man to speak in movies, with Brian Conley in the lead and a sequence of songs from the Jolson repertoire. Rob Bettinson directs a £2 million musical. **Victoria Palace,** Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Now previewing, 7.30pm, opens tomorrow, 7pm.

◪ **MACBETH:** *Nicolas Kent directs the* first Shakespeare to be seen here, in a multi-racial cast led by Lennie James and Helen McCrory. **Tricycle,** Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **MACK AND MABEL:** The Jerry Herman musical set in early Hollywood where the careers of Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand unfold and clash. Fine songs, though a troublesome book. Paul Kerryson directs Howard McGillin and Caroline O'Sullivan in the leads. **Piccadilly,** Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Now previewing, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Opens Nov 7.

◪ **MAKING THE FUTURE:** Three modern European plays on:- a Bosnian boy's life; Hitler's childhood; Cinderella's Prince **Young Vic,** The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Phone box office for performance schedule. Until Nov 4.

☐ **PRISONER CELL BLOCK H: THE MUSICAL:** *Lily Savage takes to the* sort-of-legit stage in a musical version of the television series put through the Savage mincer Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5044). *Previews begin* tonight, 8pm. Opens Oct 30, 7pm.

☐ **SILVER FACE:** First of two excursions into the Don Juan legend by Spanish dramatist Ramon del Valle Inclan. The Don and his son indulge in the usual excesses, expressed through dreamlike imagery. David Farr directs British premiere. **Gate,** 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Previews tonight and tomorrow, and opens Fri, all at 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Nov 25.

☐ **SON OF MAN:** Dennis Potter's story of the life of Christ (Joseph Fiennes), religious rebel. Strong acting, good design, unclear purpose. **Pit,** Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm.

☐ **TAKING SIDES:** *Enthralling drama* by Ronald Harwood, based on the *investigations of conductor* Furtwängler's alleged Nazi sympathies. *Superb performances by Daniel* Massey and Michael Pennington. **Criterion,** Piccadilly Circus, WC2 (0171-369 1747). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; *mats Wed and Sat,* 2.30pm.

☐ **VENICE PRESERVED:** Otway's rarely staged tragedy, seriously weakened by poor *central* performance. **Almeida,** Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

CANADIAN BACON (PG): The US strafes Canada with insults. Clumsy, one-joke comedy from documentary maverick Michael Moore, with John Candy and Alan Alda. **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ **CLUELESS** (12): *Life and empty* minds of Beverly Hills teenagers. *Frivolous fun from director Amy* Heckerling, with Alicia Silverstone. **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

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◆ **APOLLO 13** (PG): The near-fatal moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, but conventional drama. With Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris. **Empire** ◪ (0990 888300) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **ASSASSINS** (15): Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. Reasonable action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas and Julianne Moore. Director, Richard Donner. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

BLUE JUICE (15): Breezy British romp with eccentric touches set among the Cornish surfing community. With Sean Pertwee, Catherine Zeta Jones. **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683)

◆ **THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY** (12): Best-selling romantic tosh given the kid-glove treatment by director Clint Eastwood, who co-stars with Meryl Streep. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE NET** (12). New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril. Director, Irwin Winkler. **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

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■ MUSICAL

A man and his music: Al Jolson's life and songs come to the stage in a new West End adaptation



■ TOMORROW

Small-town girl Nicole Kidman lusts after glory as a television star in the week's big cinema release, *To Die For*

Hilary Finch on the ultimate in early music — the children taught to sing long before they can talk

Babes in arms in harmony

So how young is Young at Art? Heaven, after all, lies about us in our infancy and Barbara Young, for one, believes in fine-tuning a child from its first hour in this world. Her weekly music classes for newborn babies represent some of the earliest of all early music-teaching in this country.

Born into a musical and thespian family, Young became fascinated by the reactions of peers and parents who assumed that being "musical" was an attribute a child either had or had not. As soon as she graduated, 20 years ago, Young set about teasing out some of the issues for herself.

She observed, for a start, that most ante-natal classes gave training solely in physical matters. Parents were appraised of a baby's physical needs, but even when these were attended to, the sensory isolation of the child, especially with two working parents, was a growing cause for concern.

No longer was a child passed from one pair of arms, one speaking or singing voice, to another within an extended family. The image of a child left rocking solitarily in a baby-bouncer, activating a taped story or song, and gazing at a television screen, contrasted sharply with that of, say, an African mother, singing as she worked in the fields with a baby strapped to her, experiencing the rhythms of her body and her voice.

Convinced that parents needed re-educating in matters of touch, vocal stimulus and even song repertoire, Young complemented her own early career as flautist and head of woodwind in a London borough with good reading of Kodály, Suzuki and Orff. At the birth of her own first child, she began to develop her own music programme of timetabled singing, rhyming and rhythm work.

After a year of *Twinkle, twinkle little star*, among many others, with the baby held close to the mother's body, Young will withdraw one note from the melody, then another and, lo and behold, the child begins to vocalise in perfect pitch and rhythm. She gleefully plays a video in which Robert, one year old, is started off on *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, and is soon happily crowing his way through every modulation, ornament and developmental passage in sight.

Young believes that parents' musical expectations are unusually low in Britain. "Babies can sing before they talk," she says. "But this fact, and its implications, are not widely known. Every baby is musical."

Young started her weekly classes in response to requests from friends. The newborn baby classes are as much for the benefit of the often isolated mother. At 12 months, she brings in more action and movement, starting circle dances and linking melody and rhythm into the naming of the parts of the body. All "instruction" is sung.

For the two to four-year-olds' class, the parents take a step back, and the child's play focuses increasingly on speech and percussion.

Last spring Young visited Jyvaskyla in central Finland, where the music conservatoire specialises in training teachers to work with babies and young children. The long-established and widespread practice of ante-natal and baby music classes throughout Finland has clearly visible links with the country's flourishing and ever-expanding musical activity at every level. Young watched baby massage, eye and ear focusing, much use of the pentatonic scale and of visual/aural imaging with natural sounds, such as running, lapping water.

The borderline between early play and early learning, between the over-rapid acceleration of a child's intellectual learning processes and the slow, yet eager awakening of the consciousness, has never been more blurred. It is ironic that a nation determined to see its four-year-olds using computers, reading books and writing their names should widely ignore the serious and systematic education of the child's innate, rhythmic, essentially musical faculties at the earliest stages.

It is significant, too, that the recent reports from the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority on the six areas of progress necessary for qualification for government vouchers should place the ability to respond to rhythm in music and dance at the bottom of its list of goals.

Young's work is one of many individual steps being made to redress a now gravely distorted balance. She is keen to emphasise that her work bears no relationship with the making of prodigies. Totally different factors — of physical aptitude, motivation, discipline and determination — are involved here, and most of them at significantly later stages. She dissuades parents from starting instrumental tuition too early. She is, after all, about a different business.

Skills of memory, concentration, movement and confidence certainly seem to be drawn out of her classes; local doctors are inviting her to their clinics; membership is rapidly increasing. "What I offer," Young says, "is simply something to enrich life."

● *Barbara Young holds classes in Ealing, West London, every Tuesday afternoon, 2-4.15pm (tel 0181-997 4413)*

ANDRE CAMARA



Listening with mothers: "Every baby is musical," says music teacher Barbara Young. "But this fact, and its implications, are not widely known"

Mammy's nasty boy makes good

Simon Tait meets the men behind the 'play with music', *Jolson*

The problem, Paul Elliott explains, "was to try and show the life of someone who, frankly, wasn't a very nice man in a way which the public would like. It had to be a play, a bloody good book." Still, it is the shamelessly sugary songs everyone latches on to first, not Al Jolson's egomaniacal beastliness. And if the "out-of-town" tour is anything to go by, the public does like.

Jolson broke the 1,900-seat Birmingham Hippodrome's box office record by selling £26,344 worth of tickets in a day. It started there by selling 73 per cent of seats and built to 95 per cent by the time it moved on to Southampton, the last stop before London.

Three "occasional" West End producers — Elliott, a failed actor turned pantomime impresario; Laurie Mansfield, a failed record producer turned theatrical agent; and Greg Smith, a film director — are jointly moonlighting with the first attempt on this side of the Atlantic to tell the Jolson story on stage. *Jolson*, with a budget of £2 million, opens in the West End tomorrow.

The producers have succeeded before, in 1989 with *Buddy*, the show no one would invest in. At the latest count it has made £4 million in its Victoria Palace run, twice that worldwide. It has now moved to the Strand to make way for *Jolson*.

You would think that after the success of *Buddy* their next venture would be a pushover to finance, but apart from the fact that they needed three times as much, potential investors did not believe theatregoers would remember Jolson. "I took one doubtful punter to lunch and that was his excuse," says Elliott. "So I called the waitress over, I said can you sing, la-la, and I went through the song list of the show with her. She knew at least two-thirds of them, and she was 28 years old."

But this, insists Elliott, is a play. A play with music. And it had to be filmic, a poignant irony since Jolson was the first talking movie star who died at the dawn of the television age. It had to show why audiences worshipped Jolson, but also his unattractive personality.

So they have used film techniques, making the story flow with links from one scene to the next like a camera turning, dipping in and out of scenes, using actors accustomed to television to appeal to audiences from the same culture, even having snatches of the largely fictional 1946 Larry Parks film, *The Jolson Story*.

And the lead is a television celebrity, Brian Conley (*Outside Chance* and *The Brian Conley Show*), a client of Mansfield's company. Conley gives a more than credible voice imitation, but his acting is the revelation, says Mansfield. "With *Jolson* there is never any doubt that Jolson himself is on stage. Soon after the curtain goes up and before he has sung a line Jolson-the-superstar has bullied a girl vocal trio out of the song they saved up to commission, *I'm Sitting On Top of the World*, with the line "I can sing it, they can't' ".

● Jolson *opens at the Victoria Palace tomorrow (0171-834 1317)*

CONCERTS: Charm and control on the podium; dancing through the years

Italians at home in another country

RPO/Gatti
Barbican

ALTHOUGH written when its composer was still a student, the *Capriccio sinfonico* is unmistakable Puccini — not least because one of its principal motifs is more familiar to us as the opening of *La bohème*. The *Capriccio* was written before Puccini found his real metier — the first of his operas dates from the following year — but he was just finishing his education at the Milan conservatory and had clearly acquired above average skills at orchestration.

The Royal Philharmonic under Daniele Gatti opened its Barbican concert on Monday night with the *Capriccio*, and although they did full justice to the work's melodic sweep and sense of bonhomie, there was a moment in the introduction that was truly inspired. As heavy brass gave way to lighter wind and strings, the texture seemed to float, cutting loose from the orchestral foundation to hover magically — a tribute both to the youthful Puccini and to Gatti's sensitivity.

In Paganini's Violin Concerto No. 1 he provided the soloist, Shlomo Mintz, with an ideally suave, Rossinian backdrop for his pyrotechnics. Unfortunately, the concerto is barely interesting enough in its musical substance to benefit from neatly tailored phrasing alone. A soloist of showstopping brilliance and charisma might just have rescued it, but Mintz was not to be that man. In fairness, his playing was unimpeachable: a flawless technique up to anything the demon fiddler could throw at him. But Paganini's own playing mesmerised his audience because of his constant risk-taking, and it was that element of danger that was lacking from Mintz's performance. He made it sound all too easy.

The second half of the programme consisted of Respighi's *Fountains of Rome* and *Pines of Rome*, and here again the affection and understanding Gatti showed for music of a compatriot produced performances of exceptional quality. There may have been the odd passage where a rapt pianissimo was sustained with difficulty, but there was adequate compensation in the stylish phrasing.

Gatti's graceful gestures inspire the players to shape those lyrical paragraphs with real imagination. But he is sufficiently assured to be able to dispense with unnecessary movement. As the consular army advanced in triumph to the Capitol at the climax of *The Pines of the Appian Way*, he controlled the uncoiling spring with the most minimal of hand movements. Gatti takes over as the Royal Philharmonic's music director next year. In this repertoire, at least, they could not be in better hands.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Tasteful palette

RLPO/Elder
Liverpool

CELEBRATING the relationships between music and dance is like celebrating the relationship between painting and pigment: in that one is the raw material of the other, they are inseparable.

All-inclusive though the theme is, it has at least stimulated thought in the Philharmonic Hall and produced some attractive programmes in this first half of the season — one of the best examples being the combination of Ravel, Rachmaninov and Torke devised originally for Vernon Handley and taken over, in his absence, by Mark Elder.

The anomaly was Michael Torke's *Bright Blue Music* which, although associated with New York City Ballet, is frustratingly static. A hybrid of Copland and Richard Strauss, it is brilliantly orchestrated — in all kinds of colours, probably including bright blue for those with an ear for these things — but it has nothing to say and, while postulating a variety of popular and classical dance rhythms, no place to go.

Its most promising quality is that, as the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra so efficiently demonstrated, it creates a virtuoso effect with relatively simple means.

Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*, for the most part understated in expression but complex in texture and ensemble, is just the opposite. Given more time, Martin Roscoe and Elder would no doubt have enjoyed negotiating the traps the composer set for them. As it was, they seemed to be concentrating more on survival — which was unerringly achieved, but at the expense of wit in the repartee and character in some of the variations.

Rachmaninov's and Ravel's careers ran in parallel for several decades, but never touched at any significant point. A rare example of exchange between them is the plangent woodwind phrase which opens and recurs in the third of Rachmaninov's *Symphonic Dances* and which seems to be derived from the beginning of the second of Ravel's *Danses nobles et sentimentales*.

Anyway, there they were at opposite ends of the same programme, which was an interesting situation, even if it meant an excess of waltz rhythms for one evening.

Happily, the economic construction of the Ravel discouraged the conductor from the lyrical indulgence which, although certainly necessary in the more discursive Rachmaninov, has to be contained within the dance-driven momentum even there.

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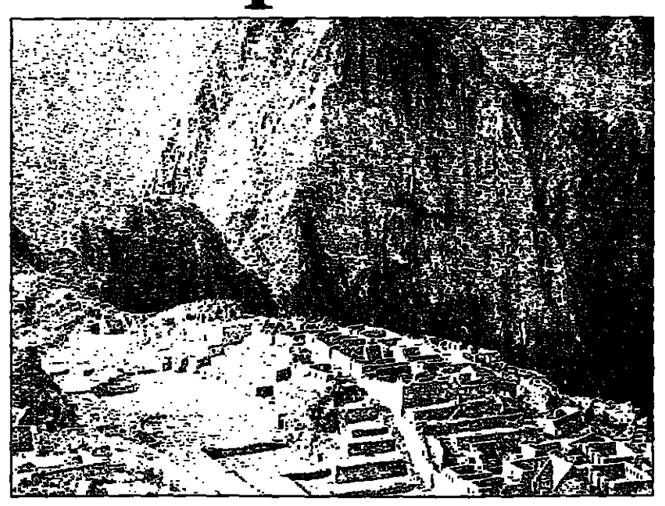
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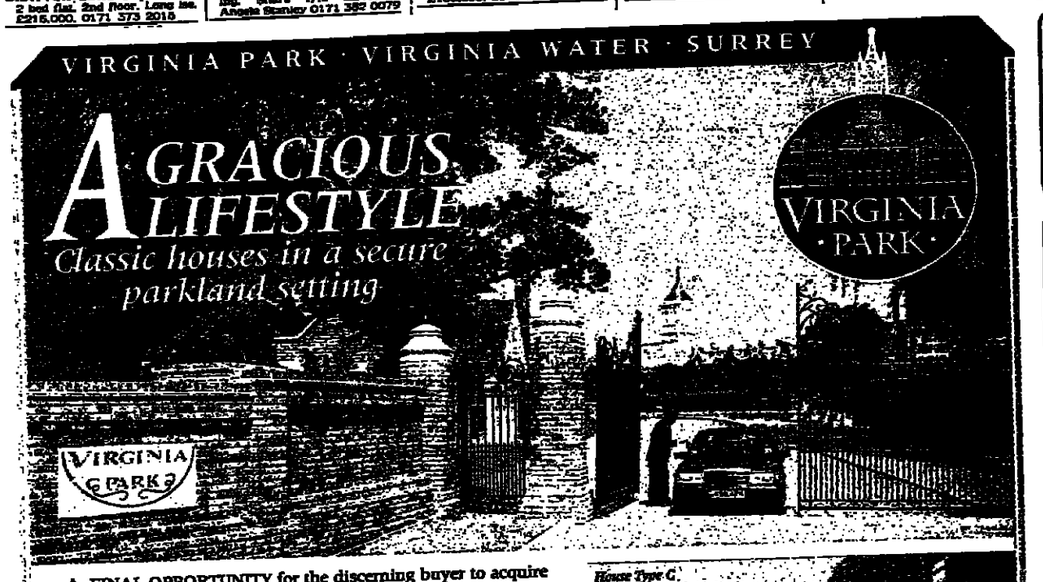
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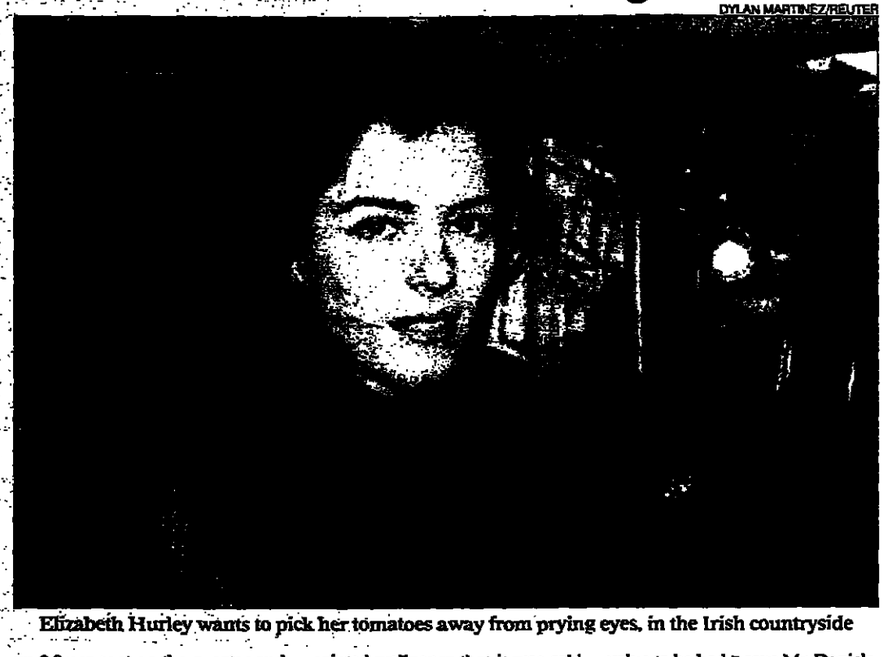
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Rachel Kelly notes a surge of interest in property in Ireland

Emerald in her eyes

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Elizabeth Hurley wants to pick her tomatoes away from prying eyes, in the Irish countryside

Elizabeth Hurley is thinking of moving to Ireland. This intelligence was slipped in between revelations that she is serious about converting to Roman Catholicism and that she had interfered with every deal made on her behalf, in an interview in *Harpers & Queen* earlier this month. Irish estate agents are delighted.

No publicity could be better for the Emerald Isle's property market than the thought that Miss Hurley could be its latest and most glamorous resident, following in the steps of the actor John Hurt, the racing driver Damon Hill, and Sir Andrew Lloyd-Webber. She talked persuasively about the joys of Irish real estate.

"In Ireland, you can buy a place that is surrounded by its own land, and not marred by footpaths, and for me, that is going to make a huge difference," she said. "Not being able to go out to the greenhouse to get your tomatoes without being photographed is awful.

"I've always loved Ireland. I am half-Irish even though I don't know any of my Irish relatives at all. Also, because I'll be Catholic, it will be lovely to be in Ireland."

In the past, Ireland's religious enthusiasms would have been reason to stay away. The Troubles affected house prices in the South, especially where foreigners were concerned. But the ceasefire and the hope of a durable peace have persuaded outsiders that buying a country house is no longer a risky prospect. Michael Daniels, who runs Knight Frank & Rutley's Irish department, says: "The past year of peace has added significantly to the attraction of buying a house here, as well as boosting confidence levels among foreign buyers. Elizabeth Hurley's enthusiasm can only help in marketing Ireland as a great location."

Mr Daniels identifies interest from returning Irish nationals, German buyers, and the Northern Irish, but he says the main surge is from British buyers. The number of applicants wishing to view property is up by 15 per cent; viewings are up by 20 to 25 per cent. Both Denis Hopper and Marlon Brando have been brandishing particulars.

Talk of rising house prices is trickier. The Halifax's house price index covers only Northern Ireland. Latest figures for the third quarter of the year show that the average house price is now £42,250, up 2.9 per cent on the quarter and 3.1 per cent on the year. Northern Ireland is the only region of the UK where prices are continuing to rise and where estate agency sales are notable for their absence.

Evidence on prices in the Republic is anecdotal, best judged by successful recent sales which suggest prices rising steadily at around 5 per cent a year after a long period of flat prices — a fall in real terms, taking inflation into account.

The Irish agents Paddy Jordan recently sold Dysertmore, Co Kilkenny, the kind of delightful Georgian house that many an Englishman yearns for. The house and its 240 acres were sold to an English buyer before auction for more than 20 per cent above the guide price of £626,000.

A second example is Coolattin, 52 miles south of Dublin at Shillelagh, Co Wicklow. The agents, Hamilton Osborne King, offered this great Georgian house built by John Carr of Yorkshire for Earl Fitzwilliam, a disastrous Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1795, for £496,000. Such was the interest in the house with its ornate plasterwork and hand-painted wallpaper that it was sold by public auction for £574,000 earlier this year.

Part of Coolattin's attraction was the mere 63 acres of gardens and woods on offer. Many country houses in Ireland offer the privacy hankered after by Miss Hurley but without the hassle of thousands of acres. Owners of big houses have sold off their acres to pay the bills, while others have seen their estates shrink after the Land Commission redistributed land after independence from Britain. Houses with more than 200 to 250 acres are rare.

> 'You can find a place surrounded by its own land and not marred by footpaths'

Country houses are marvellously cheap compared to their British equivalents. Those dreaming of swapping a boxy Knightsbridge £200,000 flat really can buy an old rectory with ten to 20 acres for the same sum in Irish pounds. "Compared to the UK and other European property, there is outstanding value to be had," says Mr Daniels.

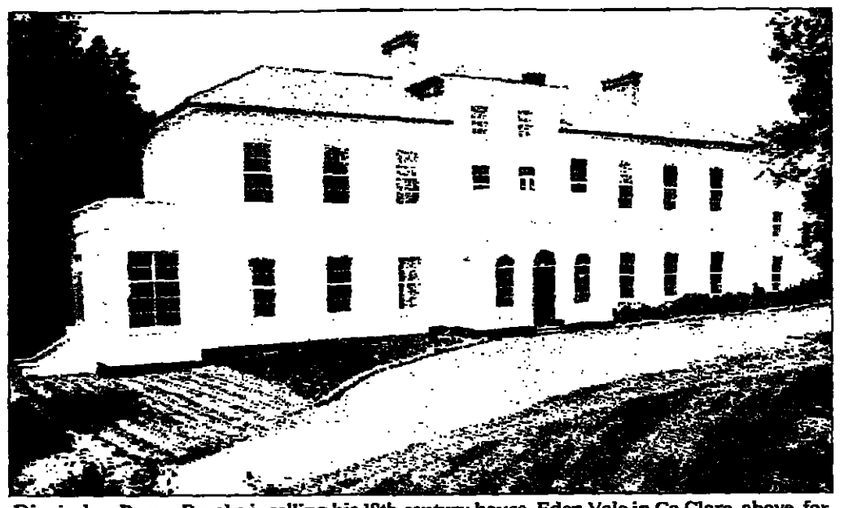
Foreigners are attracted by the Republic's foreign domicile rules, which allow them to spend up to 139 days a year in the country without being deemed residents or being liable for tax on income earned in other countries.

Artists, writers, composers, musicians, actors, film-makers, sculptors and painters do not pay tax, making Ireland a magnet for the likes of Bono, Chris de Burgh and Ron Wood, who have dubbed the country Bel-Eire. Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman were smitten with Dingle, Co Kerry, where they spent two months filming *Far and Away*, and they bought a property there.

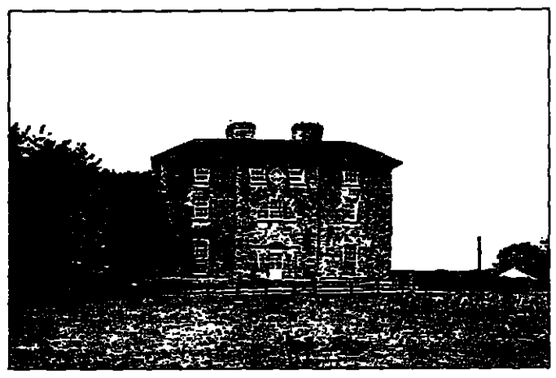
The tax exemption for artists is dependent on the approval of revenue commissioners, who inspect work to approve that it is of sufficent merit and originality.

Of course, property is cheap and living in Ireland is cheap. But I suspect that the Elizabeth Hurleys of this world are not concerned with cost. As she has said, she is after peace — and the Irish habit of not bothering celebrities when they pick their tomatoes.

HOUSES FOR SALE



Disc jockey Bruno Brooks is selling his 18th-century house, Eden Vale in Co Clare, above, for £950,000. The house was begun in the 1780s by William Stacpoole, enlarged by his son, and then again by his grandson in the 1840s. Eight miles from Shannon international airport and ten miles from the coast, the property stands on 86 acres which includes mature woodland, a 25-acre lake stocked with brown trout and pike, and a four-acre walled garden and orchard. The stableyard has been converted to accommodation and the main house has a ballroom, saloon and billiard room. The property is being marketed by Sotheby's International Realty for use as a country house hotel or corporate headquarters



Raford House, left, between Athnery and Ballinasloe in Galway, is being sold by the Irish peer Lord Hemphill. The mid-18th-century three-storey house is attributed to the portait painter and architect Francis Bindon, and has a tripartite doorway surmounted by a Diocletian window. The garden runs down to the fast-flowing River Raford with woodland beyond. There is also a two-storey stableyard where Lady Hemphill keeps Connemara ponies. Sotheby's International Realty, £836,000.

Cregg House, right, three miles west of Fermoy in Co Cork is an early 18th-century house with an adjoining wing, complete with an ancient tower-house castle, plus murder hole and iron barred doorway in its 30 acres of grounds. There is over half a mile of fishing on the River Blackwater to the South. There are three reception roms, six bedrooms and three bathrooms, while the grounds include walled gardens. Dominic J. Daly & Co and Knight Frank & Rutley, £418,000



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Wiggins, the Pacific managing director, has a proud record in the lower formulas that push teams inexorably towards the burnished gold of Formula One. Pacific were winners in every championship they entered and pundits said they would ease their way through the transition to the big time when they took the plunge last season. Instead, losing — and losing heavily — has become a hard habit for Wiggins to break.

On Sunday, Montermini was lapped by the leaders despite his short sojourn on the Aida circuit, as Michael Schumacher secured his second successive world championship. Jean-Denis Deletraz, who should have been driving, was nothing more than a motor racing placeman, someone who drives because of the sponsorship money he brings to the team, not the talent. At Pacific's end of the grid, the battle is not for glory but for survival.

There is something undignified about the desperate struggle — but something noble, too, in the will to fight on until success emerges from the gloom. "I do feel a lack of respect from some people," Wiggins said. "I am never proud about having one or two people in the car who are not very quick, but you just have to shrug it off and concentrate on what you are doing."

Others, drivers like Gachot and Montermini, better and more experienced, have had to move over at times during the season as the need for fiscal pragmatism has superseded everything. In a season when they were supposed to make steady progress, the Pacifics have limped around the tracks of the world like wounded animals, stark reminders of the relentless pitilessness of Formula One. The big boys do not have any sympathy. They even throw stones.

> **'They have limped around the tracks like wounded animals'**

"Some of the people further up in the sport have not got a clue what happens at the lower end and how hard it is," Wiggins said. "They might start off down here, but, sooner or later, they get burnt out and go and work for a bigger team where life is easier. Then they come round and try to nick your sponsors and look down their nose at you.

"The bigger teams are fairly dismissive, for the most part. It is not the sort of sport you go into looking for support. They tolerate you while you are there and they complain if you get in the way. We have been told there will be tougher rules on entry to the championship next season so perhaps they will try to throw us away with the fly spray." Lotus, Larrousse and Simtek have all been lost to grand prix racing since the end of last season and Pacific have been heavily tipped to be the next team to follow them out of Formula One.

Despite their two years of frustration, the team has impressed everyone with its stoical attitude and quiet determination. An aura of success and confidence still lingers around Wiggins, who has retained his charm and amiability, and the team is run professionally and cost-effectively. Some sponsors, who have the wisdom to look further than the immediate gain of an association with Williams or Benetton, are beginning to realise that the chance of growing with a fledgeling and helping it to fly could be a more attractive proposition.

"On the technical side, I always knew what was required when we came into Formula One," Wiggins said, "but you need the commercial structure and the sponsorship to do the job. With our results, we have not been able to do that yet. Our car was good at the beginning of the season, but because of lack of money for testing, we have stayed still while the others have moved forward.

"We have brushed with going out of business a couple of times and it is hard to adapt to that situation. In other formulas, we were always looking for ways to win. Now we spend our time looking at ways to survive."



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Evans breaks record as Llanelli five find favour

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE red of Llanelli blushed more proudly than usual yesterday with the announcement of the Wales team to play Fiji in Cardiff on November 11. Ieuan Evans, their right-wing and the former national captain, will become the most-capped international player in Welsh history when he takes the field and surpasses the mark of 55 set by J. P. R. Williams in 1981.

Given the debut cap awarded to Craig Quinnell at blind-side flanker and the recall to the centre of Nigel Davies alongside Justin Thomas and Wayne Proctor, the club had every reason for pleasure, but the black of Neath, who play the Fijians in the second match of their GIS-sponsored tour at The Gnoll today, remains a sign of mourning. There is no place in the second row for Gareth Llewellyn, their captain, who has been out of favour since the Rugby World Cup last summer.

The XV shows four changes from that beaten 40-11 by South Africa in Johannesburg last month. Davies and Proctor replace Gareth Jones, the centre who has just switched from Bridgend to Cardiff, and Simon Hill, while, in the forwards, Quinnell, 20, replaces Andrew Gibbs and Andrew Moore wins his first full cap at lock as a replacement for his injured Swansea colleague, Paul Arnold.

Davies, 30, has played his way back thanks to outstanding club form, but Llewellyn is still out in the cold, even though Greg Prosser, of Pontypridd, as well as Arnold, is out of action.

"We have picked what we think is the best combination," Geoff Evans, the team manager, said. "Gareth Llewellyn, like others who have not featured since the World Cup, has the opportunity to force his way back in if he plays consistently well."

The Welsh management has divided the season into four phases, of which this match is the second. The third, the five nations' championship, begins with an additional fixture against Italy in Cardiff on January 17. The end-of-season tour to Australia constitutes the fourth. "We want to see development through those phases which will carry us forward to next season and, beyond that, towards the 1999 World Cup," Evans said.

Gibbs, the Newbridge flanker, was part of a disappointing Wales A side beaten by Fiji last Saturday and surrenders his place to the latest model off the Quinnell production line, who follows his father, Derek, and brother, Scott. The selectors hope Craig Quinnell will offer greater physical presence and a genuine third option at the lineout.

England have reduced to 28 their training squad for the game against South Africa on November 18 and appear to have put Rory Jenkins on hold. The Harlequins flanker is one of seven players not required to train at Marlow on Sunday, along with Rob Andrew (retired), Ian Hunter (injured), Tim Stimpson, Jonathan Sleightholme, Andy Gomarsall and Richard West.

The International Rugby Football Board has made the first of three significant appointments by inviting Lee Smith to become its resource and development officer. Smith, 48, has been the national director of coaching and development in New Zealand for the past seven years and will take up his new position in January.

WALES: W J L Thomas (Llanelli); I C Evans (Llanelli), G Thomas (Bridgend), N G Davies (Llanelli), W T Proctor (Llanelli); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), A P Moore (Cardiff); C D Loader (Swansea), J M Humphreys (Cardiff, captain), J D Davies (Neath), C Quinnell (Llanelli), A P Moore (Swansea), D Jones (Cardiff), A M Bennett (Cardiff), H T Taylor (Cardiff). Replacements: S D Hill (Cardiff), D A Williams (Swansea), R Howley (Bridgend), S Williams (Neath), L Mustoe (Neath), G R Jenkins (Swansea).



Craig Quinnell has one eye fixed on his international debut against Fiji next month. Photograph: Huw Evans

Quinnell extends family dynasty

David Hands on the latest Welsh addition to a renowned international rugby clan

CRAIG QUINNELL, or rather his father, Derek, etched a place in Welsh rugby history yesterday. England and Scotland (once each) and Ireland (twice) have done so, but never before has an international player from the Principality produced two sons who have followed in his footsteps. Now, within two years, Scott and Craig Quinnell will have appeared in a Wales back row.

True, the younger Quinnell must wait until November 11, when Wales play Fiji in Cardiff, to justify the footnote, but clearly there is something in the genes. Indeed, all three have been back-five forwards. Derek Quinnell, now the Wales A manager, won 23 caps in the second or back row between 1971 and 1980 and his eldest son, Scott, played nine times in the back row before moving on to Wigan and rugby league.

Yet, at 20, Craig has achieved selection quicker than either father or brother — or even his uncle, Barry John, the former stand-off half — and, though of tender years, he is his own man. "I'm taller than Scott, I'm heavier than he is and play my own game, which is different to his and my father's," he said.

There is a lot of the latest Quinnell (another, Gavin, is still maturing at 11). He stands 6ft 6in and weighs 18st 7lb, big enough for Llanelli to have played him in the second row initially. Last season, though, he established himself as their blind-side flanker.

It is a source of some regret to Craig that he and his elder brother have not played in the same XV since he was eight and at primary school. A couple of years behind at Graig Comprehensive School, his sixth-form career took him to that noted finishing stable for Wales internationals, Llandovery College, and caps as a Wales Schools lock. The omission, of course, may yet be repaired if the brothers find themselves playing the same code of rugby in future, but Craig is happy to have come so far so fast in union. "I wasn't thinking about a cap this year, but just making sure of the No 6 jersey with Llanelli," he said.

Sibling rivalry has helped his progress. "I have been to Wigan to watch Scott play and his success has made me train harder," Craig said. "We're quite competitive when we're together. I think I offer a greater lineout presence than he did and I reckon I can offload ball and run with it pretty well."

So fierce is Quinnell's love of possession that he suggests he would not mind playing on the wing. Perhaps Wales will keep that in mind for their next meeting with New Zealand and Jonah Lomu.

White sees off Prince in charge for crown

BY PHIL YATES

JIMMY WHITE, the most popular player wherever snooker pitches its tent, delighted a packed house at the Crowtree Centre, Sunderland, yesterday, as he defeated Jason Prince, of Northern Ireland, 5-0 in the last 16 of the Skoda Grand Prix.

The giant poster that hangs outside the venue speaks volumes for White's appeal. Tapping in on more traditional Wearside pursuits, it reads: "You don't have to go to Roker to see the reds and White." Indeed, White's introduction was the cue for a Roker-like roar and his performance, while not of the highest quality, more than satisfied the audience.

It has been almost three years since White captured the last of his nine world-ranking titles at the 1992 United Kingdom championship. Since then, he and disappointment have gone together like Stephen Hendry and triumph. The 1994-95 season was undoubtedly White's worst since turning professional in 1981. In a concerted effort to regain form, the Londoner, who has slipped to eleventh in provisional world rankings, practised with more intensity than ever throughout the summer.

During his brief stays at the Regal Masters and Thailand Classic, White did little to suggest that his new-found work ethic had paid dividends, but, at this event, there have been encouraging signs of a real revival.

Prince, unaccustomed to the scrutiny of the television cameras, committed a series of elementary mistakes. White, in contrast, won the first frame, stole the second with a last red-to-pink clearance and eventually potted the black to lead 3-0 before completing the whitewash with breaks of 58 and 105.

"Peter Ebdon said earlier this week that the way he was cueing, he should have got to the final," White said. "Mind you, if practice form counted for anything, they could send me the winner's cheque right now. Unfortunately, it does not."

White, the champion in 1986 and 1992, faces Alain Robidoux or John Higgins, the title-holder, in the quarter-finals this evening.

IN BRIEF

Kankkunen crashes with title in sight

COLIN McRAE was handed a golden chance to win the world motor rallying championship in front of his home supporters when his chief rival, Juha Kankkunen, crashed out of the Catalonia Rally yesterday. The Finn held the lead in Spain, having won eight of the first 15 tests, but came to grief on the sixteenth special stage.

Misfortune for Kankkunen, four times the world champion, gives McRae, Carlos Sainz and Didier Auriol the opportunity to pip him for the ultimate prize at the Network Q RAC Rally, the final race of the series, in Britain next month. McRae, 27, was in second place — seven points behind Kankkunen — in the world championship, going into this 1,039-mile event, which offers 20 points to the winner. With one special stage remaining and six stages today, Spain's Sainz leads the Scot by five seconds.

Clinton departs

Cricket: Grahame Clinton, 42, the Surrey coach, yesterday left the county by mutual consent. He joined the Surrey playing staff in 1979 after five years with Kent. Initially, he took over the second XI coaching, two years after his retirement as a player. He masterminded their double — the Rapid Cricketline Second XI Championship and Bain Clarkson Trophy — in 1992.

Bledsoe riches

American football: Drew Bledsoe celebrated signing a seven-year, $42 million (about £27 million) contract by steering the New England Patriots to a 27-14 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Monday night. Bledsoe completed 23 of 40 passes for 262 yards, including a touchdown pass.

Schuback win

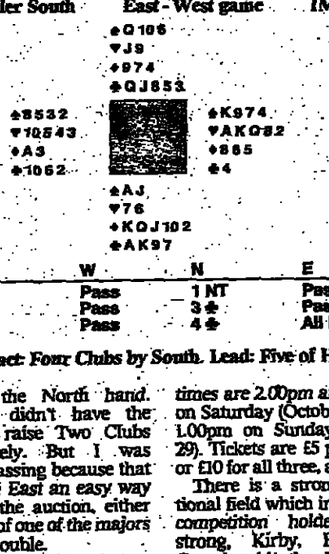
Bowls: Ian Schuback, the 1992 world indoor singles champion, won the Australian indoor singles championship, a qualifying event for next year's world championship, at Tweed Heads yesterday. Schuback swept to a 7-0, 7-3, 7-5 win over Adam Jeffery.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes in an apparently constructive sequence you have to make a bid for which you do not have the values, merely to prevent the opponents coming in. This is an example from a premier league match in the BBL between Casey and Sowter.

Dealer South — East-West game — IMP's



S	W	N	E
1♦	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Contract: Four Clubs by South. Lead: Five of Hearts

I held the North hand. Clearly I didn't have the values to raise Two Clubs constructively. But I was afraid of passing because that would give East an easy way back into the auction, either with a bid of one of the majors or with a double.

As you can see, if South's ace of spades is exchanged with West's two of spades, East - West can make Four Hearts or Four Spades.

Over Three Clubs, Senior continued with Three Spades, showing where his remaining values were, in case I could bid 3 NT. When I signed off in Four Clubs, he wisely called it a day.

☐ The Lederer Memorial Trophy will be played this weekend at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 32 Barkston Gardens, Earls Court. Session times are 2.00pm and 8.00pm on Saturday (October 28), and 1.00pm on Sunday (October 29). Tickets are £5 per session or £10 for all three, at the door.

There is a strong international field which includes the competition holders, Armstrong, Kirby, Price and Czerniewski; the British Junior World Championship team (the Hackett twins, Davies and Souter, and Allerton and Townsend); the 'naturals' (including Demetri Marchessini, Forrester and Robson); and the Gold Cup winners (the Tredinnick twins, Rosen and King, and Patterson and Collins). There are also teams representing Ireland and Turkey.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Tactics and strategy

It has been a characteristic of players who have challenged for the world title, without actually gaining the championship, that their main talent lay in tactics and the attack. On the other hand, the champions who have beaten off their onslaughts have tended to exhibit a more rigorously strategic cast of mind.

Thus it was with the Polish Grandmaster David Janowski, whose efforts to unseat Emanuel Lasker foundered on Lasker's rock-solid strategic skills. Against lesser lights, though, Janowski was often able to pull off remarkable feats of tactical legerdemain. Even the great Tarrasch was not immune to this kind of treatment when Janowski felt inspired.

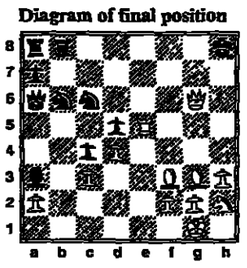
In the following game, Janowski diverts Tarrash's attention to the queen's flank. However, at the crucial moment White switches fronts and lands a series of devastating sacrificial blows which strip away all protection from the black king.

White: David Janowski
Black: Seigbert Tarrasch
Ostend 1905

London System

1	d4	d5
2	Nf3	c5
3	c3	e6
4	Bf4	Qb6
5	Qb3	Nf6
6	e3	Nc6
7	h3	Be7
8	Nbd2	Bd7
9	Be2	0-0
10	0-0	Rfc8
11	Ne5	Be8
12	Bg3	Nd7
13	Ndf3	Nf8
14	Rfd1	Na5
15	Qc2	c4
16	Nd2	f6
17	Nef3	Bg6
18	Qc1	h6
19	Nh2	Qd8
20	Bf3	b5
21	e4	Nc6
22	exd5	exd5
23	Re1	b4
24	Ndf1	bxc3
25	bxc3	Qa5
26	Ne3	Bf7
27	Qd2	Be3
28	Rab1	Nd7
29	Rb7	Nb6
30	Nf5	Qa6
31	Ndh6+	gxh6
32	Rxd7	Kxd7
33	Qxh6	Kg8
34	Qg6+	Kh8
35	Qxf6+	Kg8
36	Qg6+	Kh8
37	Re5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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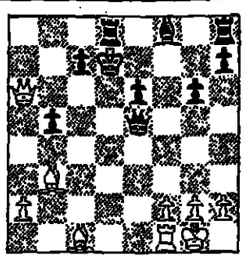
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Kasparov - Anand, Intel World Championship, Game 10 1995. The black king is very exposed but if White does not act quickly he may be able to find safety on the kingside. How can White avoid this possibility?

Solution on page 44



By Philip Howard

DEONTIC
a. A tooth-mite
b. To do with duty
c. Necessary

GIDDEA
a. Encouragement to a mare
b. A concrete lamppost
c. A spear

ATTAP
a. Palm thatch
b. To beg
c. A jacuzzi spray

FURPHY
a. A false report
b. A baked potato
c. A sneak thief

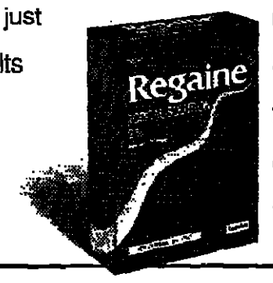
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MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

Dear Mr Barnes, you don't possess the talent of Julian Dicks, and you never will. An extract from one of the letters (all by a rum coincidence bearing East London postmarks) after I had suggested that the West Ham player's recent outbreak of head-stamping and shin-cracking was a trifle *de trop*.

I replied, of course, that the writer of the letter was perfectly correct, but that it was something I could live with. There the matter would have rested, but for last Sunday's outbreak of shin-cracking from Matt Le Tissier.

From a simple love of mischief (and, for that matter, football), I am sorely tempted to write a glowing panegyric of the voluptuous skills of Le Tissier, one that contrasts him with Dicks, the arch-stopper.

Yes: to say that lovely Matt is perfectly entitled to kick whomsoever he pleases, because he sends 50-yard passes and lobs goalies and is generally a ballet critic's dream: to say that Le Tissier is clearly a different category of human being from Mr Dicks, on the grounds of haircut alone.

Indeed, having gone so far, I rather wish to continue, if only for the number of newspapers that would thereby be flung across railway carriages and bars and the number of cornflake bowls that would hit the wall.

But let us be ever so slightly sensible. Le Tissier deserved his sending-off as much as did Dicks. Le Tissier was sent off for two bad tackles; the second of them was probably worth a red card on its own. It was not a mistimed, reckless tackle, aimed heedlessly in the general direction of man and ball: it was a rather well-timed hack at the man himself long after the ball had gone.

Phil Babb, for it was he, seemed to take it all rather well, knowing that Le Tissier had taken temporary leave of his senses. He seemed to feel that it was rather amusing for a hard-nosed defender like himself to be, as it were, savaged by a sheep. Nice to see a centre back with all the ironies intact. But Le Tissier had to go, just as Dicks did. To find any form of excuse for that kind of stuff is impossible. It is, however, important in all aspects of life to be able to distinguish between excuses and reasons.

There are no excuses for Le Tissier, but there are reasons and no person of spirit can fail to feel sympathetic to them. Last season, Le Tissier was a genius. In a season dominated and decided by the remorselessness of Blackburn Rovers and the absence of Eric Cantona, the presence of Le Tissier was the great sub-plot.

He bent Southampton and their opponents to his will, scored and made some astonishing goals and served with élan the popular cry that England must build the national team around him. It must have been lovely while it lasted — and Le Tissier stayed cool amid the glamour, kept chipping and curling those footballs and said he would stay at Southampton, because he was happy and what was ambition compared to that?

Yet now it has all gone wrong. The magic, the confidence, the self-belief and the happiness have gone. Southampton, as is clear from recent results, are struggling to cope with an enfeebled Le Tiss while he, incensed by his own failings, seems to have lost all patience with the technical shortcomings of his colleagues.

The England coach, Terry Venables, seems to have abandoned him. He might never play for England again under Venables: but he has said that England is where his heart and his ambitions lie. He has chosen to live with rejection and disappointment.

And so, driven to a rage by his own worries, he had a mad half-hour, whacked Babb and got the richly-merited red card. Just like Dicks, who you will recall, was sent off in the match *after* the head-stamping incident.

Dicks's intemperate display in that subsequent match was no doubt also the result of worry — worry about what would happen to him when the damning video evidence was presented to the Football Association. Had he known he would get only a three-match ban, he might have played his next match a little more sanely.

Perhaps the next line of argument is to say that despite the two mad half-hours Dicks and Le Tissier had in common, football is in truth about the Le Tissiers of the game, not about the Dickses. To conclude that football needs more Le Tissiers, fewer and better Dicks.

But that would be nonsense. Once we take violent play out of the argument, we must agree that football is as much about hard, uncompromising defence as it is about silkily brilliant attack. If there were no case-hardened defenders, there would be no need for brilliance in attack. There would be no bravery, no grace under pressure and no goal would lift the heart. Dicks and Le Tiss: heads and tails of the same coin. A single-sided coin has no value.



Le Tissier: halo slipped

JUSTIN SLEE



Goulding, standing, and Platt consider the task ahead of them as England prepare to meet Australia on Saturday

Edwards out of World Cup final

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SHAUN EDWARDS, the England captain, will definitely miss the Halifax rugby league World Cup final against Australia at Wembley on Saturday. Edwards, 29, the Wigan scrum-half, has been restricted to just one appearance in the competition because of a knee infection.

It means that Bobbie Goulding, of St Helens, who was named man of the match in the 25-10 semi-final defeat of Wales at Old Trafford last Saturday, will start at No 7 for the showdown against the world champions.

Phil Larder, the England coach, said: "I feel very sorry for Shaun. I know how hard he has prepared for this competition and he has been a tremendous help to me in the build-up."

Another blow for England is that the Keighley stand-off half, Daryl Powell, who missed the semi-final with a calf strain, is also out. John Bentley, the Halifax wing, who has not played since picking up a hamstring injury in England's final group game against South Africa ten days ago, is another likely absentee.

However, Jason Robinson and Andy Farrell, both of Wigan, are expected to be fit having recovered from foot and groin injuries respectively. There could also yet be a dramatic return for Gary Connolly, the Wigan utility back, who has not played any part in the tournament so far because he has been suffering from pneumonia. Connolly has been training with the squad and is still in contention for a place in the XVII named for the final.

Australia could be fined for flouting the World Cup's rules on tobacco advertising. Several members of the Kangaroos' support staff ran onto the pitch during Sunday's semi-final victory over New Zealand at Huddersfield wearing bright red sweatshirts with the logo of team sponsors — Winfield, a tobacco company — clearly visible on the front.

"We are so upset that we are calling for a meeting of the tournament standing committee to consider fining Australia," Graham Carden, the New Zealand League president, said. Carden, a member of the International Board, added that Fiji had been refused permission to have their sponsor's name on their team jerseys because it was also a tobacco company.

Maurice Lindsay, the World Cup director, said the Australians had been warned against a repeat occurrence during the final. "Tobacco advertising is clearly banned," he said. "The Australian Rugby League are fully aware of this fact but deliberately flouted the rules."

Cummings in charge

THE World Cup final at Wembley on Saturday will be refereed by Stuart Cummings. The physical education teacher, from Widnes, also took charge of the opening match of the tournament between the same countries, which England won 20-16.

"It's the pinnacle of my career and I'm very honoured to have been chosen," Cummings said. "I really enjoyed the first game between the sides and I'm sure the final will be even better."

Cummings, 34, has been the reserve referee for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley for the past two years. He has taken charge of the last two Premiership finals and the Regal Trophy final last season.

Lewis set to take on Bruno in the High Court

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

LENNOX LEWIS has taken the initial steps in his fight to establish his right to be the first challenger for Frank Bruno's World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight championship crown. Lewis's camp failed to bring Bruno's negotiators to the table, so now Bernard Clark, his solicitor, has served notice on Bruno that an injunction is being sought in the High Court in London to prevent Bruno from defending his title against anyone else but his client.

Lewis, who was made the mandatory challenger by the WBC at its convention in Seville last year, will also be applying for an injunction against the WBC to stop it from changing the decision at its annual convention in Thailand on November 6 and to order it to put the contest out to purse offers, as set out in its rules.

Lewis said: "It's too bad that we have to resort to this sort of thing. It's part of the sport really. Why can't he [Bruno] fight a guy he's supposed to fight? I gave Bruno a shot when he was ranked seventh. I want him now."

Lewis said that he would not be deflected from his goal even if the Bruno camp was to offer him millions of dollars to step aside. "I want Bruno first," Lewis said.

Bruno had been given seven days' notice about Lewis's intentions, but was not available to receive the writ. He is believed to be on holiday in Jamaica. From there, he is expected to go to Las Vegas to watch the bout between Mike Tyson and Buster Mathis Jr on November 4.

Clark said that, as Bruno's solicitors had no instructions to receive the writ, he sought an order for a substituted writ, which was granted and duly posted on Bruno's front gate.

"A High Court writ was issued yesterday morning against Frank Bruno and against the WBC and, yesterday, we were granted leave to serve that writ on the WBC in Puerto Rico and in Mexico," Clark said. He hoped to have the application against Bruno heard by the High Court on November 1, 2 or 3.

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE or any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

RANDELL, TOM or 17 LOVEL ROAD, CHALFONT ST PETER, GERRARDS CROSS, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE died on 18TH AUGUST 1995 particulars to B P COLLINS & CO Solicitors of COLLINS HOUSE, 32/38 STATION ROAD, GERRARDS CROSS, BUCKS SL9 8EL before 28TH DECEMBER 1995.

Deceased: John Lewis Moulton
Address: 1 Charles Lister Court, 220 London Road, Dover, Kent
Date of Death: 9th October 1995

Any person having a claim against or an interest in the above estate is required to send particulars to the undermentioned Solicitors within two months of the date of publication of this notice after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have received notice.
BRADLEYS SOLICITORS
19 Castle Street, DOVER, Kent CT16 1PJ
Solicitors for the Personal Representatives.

PUBLIC NOTICES

KEATING
RE: The Estate of CHRISTOPHER KEATING, Deceased, of Kilmanin Croagh, in the County of Limerick, Ireland, Bachelor
RE: The sons and daughters, or the survivors or survivors of them, of Michael Keating, deceased, brother of the aforesaid Christopher Keating, deceased.

Christopher Keating, deceased died a bachelor on the 14th day of April 1994 at the Regional Hospital, Bearadoxie in the County of Limerick, Ireland. He had one sister, Mary Keating who resided at 92, Michael's Court, Inchicore, Dublin and died on the 17th November 1988. The deceased's brother Michael Keating is believed to have emigrated from Ireland some time prior to 1940 and remarried.

The number of his children, their names and their whereabouts (if still living) is unknown, it is believed that any such children still living would be in their sixties.

We seek information about the sons and daughters, or the survivor or survivors of them of the said Michael Keating, deceased, in connection with the Probate of the Estate of Christopher Keating, deceased.

Replies to Michael A. Geary, Hayes Breen McCarthy & Shee Solicitors, IDC House, Charlotte Quay, Limerick, Ireland.

H. M. LAND REGISTRY
Lost certificates

It is proposed to issued a new certificate to replace the described below that is stated to have been lost or destroyed. Anyone possessing the existing certificate or objecting to the issue of a new one should at once notify The Durham District Land Registry of Bolton House, Wheatlands Way, Pity Me, Durham DH1 5GJ.

Land Certificate Leasehold Title Number SY478345 - Walnut Tree House, High Street, Egham, Surrey.
Proprietor: Inertia Switch Limited of 33-34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EN.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LIEUTENANCY OF CHESHIRE
Notice is hereby given of Commissions signed by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of Cheshire:
The Hon Richard Cornwall-Legh of High Legh House, Knutsford, Cheshire
Sebastian Beal Joseph Zlami de Ferranti of Henbury Hall, Macclesfield, Cheshire
Diana Mary McConnell of The Priest's House, Puddington, Cheshire
Lieutenant Colonel David Hart McLellan of Holm Oak House, Chelford Road, Ollerton, Cheshire
John Platt OBE of New Hall Farm, Lach Dennis, Cheshire
Anthony William Ashmore Spiegelberg of Oulton Park House, Tarporley, Cheshire
to be Deputy Lieutenants
Michael S. Pitt, Clerk to the Lieutenancy
26 October 1995.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
TAKE NOTICE THAT I CHRISTOPHER TUNSTALL
of 521, Lexington Building, Bow Quarter, London, E 3, having for the last six months carried on the trade or calling of Director intend to apply at the Licensing Sessions to be held at Thames Magistrates Court, 58 Bow Road, London, E.3. on the 13th day of November 1995 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the grant to us of a New Justices' Licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption off the premises situate at: Arlington Basement The Bow Quarter, Fairfield Road, Bow, London, E.3. a plan of which premises has been deposited with the Clerk to the Licensing Justice together with this notice.
Dated the 19th day of October 1995.
Signed T.V EDWARDS
(Authorised Agent on behalf of the Applicant).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
TAKE NOTICE THAT WE, THONGPHITSAMONE INTHAVONG of 37, Clement Road, London, E 6 KHOOSADAVANH PHONPHONGSAVAT and MANEORAY CHAVALEYANGKUR both of 60 Portland Road, London, N 15 having for the last six months carried on the trade or calling of Restaurateurs intend to apply at the Licensing Sessions to be held at Thames Magistrates Court, 58 Bow Road, London, E.3. on the 13th day of November 1995 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the grant to us of a New Justices' Licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on the premises situate at 63/67 Mile End Road, London, E.1. and to be known by the sign of Sweet Chilli a plan of which premises has been deposited with the Clerk to the Licensing Justices together with this notice. It is our intention to apply to the Justices to insert the conditions reserved for it to be granted as a restaurant licence.
Dated the 19th day of October 1995.
Signed T.V. EDWARDS

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
(Incorporated in Canada)
ONTARIO & QUEBEC RAILWAY COMPANY
5 PER CENT DEBENTURE STOCK
6 PER CENT COMMON STOCK

In preparation for the payment of the half-yearly interest payable on December 1995 next, the Debenture Stock transfer books will be closed at 3.30 p.m. on November 1 and will be re-opened on December 4.

The half yearly interest on the Common Stock will be paid on December 1 to holders of record on November 1.
D R. Keast, Deputy Secretary
62-65 Trafalgar Square, London, WC2N 5DY
October 20 1995.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
NO. 006326 OF 1995
IN THE MATTER OF
HEYWOOD WILLIAMS AUTOMOTIVE LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th day of October 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 15th November 1995.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 20th day of October 1995
EVERSHEDS
Cloth Hall Court, Infirmary Street, Leeds LS1 2JB
Solicitors for the above named Company

STUDYHOME 1989 LIMITED
Company number 2368297
NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 SECTION 175 PURCHASE OF SHARES FROM CAPITAL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
1. By a special resolution of the shareholders of the above-named Company passed on 19 October 1995 the payment out of capital of £533010.96 for the purpose of the Company acquiring 385286 ordinary shares of 90p each.
2 The full list of members whose shares are being repurchased is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.
3 The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £533010.96.
4 The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report relating to the said Payment of the said Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.
5. Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following 19 October 1995 (being the date of the above-mentioned special resolution) apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 006236 OF 1995
IN THE MATTER OF
HEYWOOD WILLIAMS COMPONENTS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th day of October 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 15th November 1995.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 20th day of October 1995
EVERSHEDS
Cloth Hall Court, Infirmary Street, Leeds LS1 2JB
Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
LEEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY
CASE NO. 3068 OF 1995
IN THE MATTER OF HUNTERS ARMLEY GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 18th August 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company from £12,500,000 to £7,250,000

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the High Court Judge sitting at the Courthouse, 1 Oxford Row, Leeds on Friday the 17th day of November 1995 at 10.30 am.

AND any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

DATED this 20th day of October 1995
LUPTON FAWCETT
YORKSHIRE HOUSE, GREEN STREET, LEEDS LS1 5SX
Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 006228 OF 1995
IN THE MATTER OF
HEYWOOD WILLIAMS PLASTICS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th day of October 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 15th November 1995.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

DATED this 20th day of October 1995
EVERSHEDS
Cloth Hall Court, Infirmary Street, Leeds LS1 2JB
Solicitors for the above named Company

STUDYHOME 1990 LIMITED
Company number 2568307
NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 SECTION 175 PURCHASE OF SHARES FROM CAPITAL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
1. By a special resolution of the shareholders of the above-named Company passed on 19 October 1995 the payment out of capital of £719358.82 for the purpose of the Company acquiring 852268 ordinary shares of 90p each.
2 The full list of members whose shares are being repurchased is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.
3. The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 170 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £719358.82.
4. The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report relating to the said Payment of the said Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.
5 Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following 19 October 1995 being the date of the above-mentioned special resolution) apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

The Insolvency Act 1986
PARKER WEBB & CO (AUTOMOTIVE) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 18th October 1995
M.R. DERRINGTON FIPA
Liquidator

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE
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FAX: 0171-782 7827
Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New England 27 Buffalo 14

BOWLS

TWEED HEADS: Australian men's indoor singles championship: Semi-finals: I Schuback (Queensland) bt D Katunarich (Western Australia) 7-6, 6-7, 7-3, 7-4; A Jeffery (Australian Capital Territory) bt S Anderson (Queensland) 6-7, 6-7, 7-3, 7-0, 7-2. Final: Schuback bt Jeffery 7-0, 7-3, 7-5.

BOXING

GLASGOW Scottish light-welterweight championship (Arbroath): Steve McEvoy (Glasgow) bt Alan Peacock (Dumbernauld) pts. 6th and Bantamweight (6 rnds): Graeme Vowles (Mid Glam) bt Nick Parry (Rotherham) pts. Super-featherweight (6 rnds): Gavin Burrell (Kirkcaldy) bt Ian Edmondson (Newcastle) pts; Barry McHale (Glasgow) bt Chris Aston (Leeds), rsc 3rd rnd.

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results:

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stevenage 4 Welling 1
UEFA UNDER-16 TOURNAMENT: Preliminary round: England 1 (M Owen and Bolgium 0 (in Hasselholm, Sweden)
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 0 Crawley 3; Worcester 4 Merthyr 2.
ICIS LEAGUE: Second division: Croydon 2 Bromley 1. Third division: Tring 5 Lowes 1
FA UMBRO TROPHY First qualifying round, second replays: Bilston 2 Sutton Coldfield 1. Dulwich v Carshalton Athletic 2.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham Hotspur 2 Wimbledon 1
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham City 3 Notts County 1; Everton 1 Liverpool 0; Newcastle United 1 Blackburn Rovers 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Bolton Wanderers 0. Second division: Hull City 0 Sheffield City 2; Preston North End 0 Aston Villa 5. Third division: Leicester City 3 Stockport County 2.
SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Sutton 3 Northampton 4; Wolling 1 Reading 1
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Nottinghamshire 1 West Midlands 0. London Under-15 Cup: Buckinghamshire 0 Kent 2. Under-14: Buckinghamshire 3 Kent 0
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting Lisbon 2 Maritimo 0.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Japan 2 Saudi Arabia 1 (in Tokyo).

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS (United States unless stated): 1, G Norman (Aus) 22.30pts average; 2, N Price (Zim) 16.23, 3, B Langer (Ger) 16.08; 4, E Els (SA) 15.89; 5, N Faldo (GB) 14.45; 6, C Montgomerie (GB) 13.90; 7, C Pavin 12.30; 8, F Couples 12.23; 9, M Ozaki (Japan) 10.39; 10, S Ellington (Aus) 10.21; 11, T Lehman 9.74; 12, J M Olazabal (Sp) 9.73; 13, V Singh (Fiji) 8.50; 14, M McCumber 8.31; 15, L Janssen 8.24

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal 6 Los Angeles 3, Colorado 3 Anaheim 1.

MOTOR RALLYING

LLORET DE MAR: Catalonia Rally (after 13 stages): 1, J Kankkunen (Fin, Toyota Celica) 2hr 48min 05sec; 2, C Sainz (Sp, Subaru Impreza) at 45sec; 3, C McRae (GB, Subaru Impreza) 59; 4, D Auriol (Fr, Toyota Celica) 1:47; 5, F Delecour (Fr, Ford Escort) 2:03; 6, P Liatti (It, Subaru Impreza) 2:18; 7, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi Lancer) 2:27; 8, A Aghini (It, Mitsubishi Lancer) 2:34; 9, C Trelles (Uru, Toyota Celica) 6:48; 10, O Gomez (Sp, Renault Clio) 7:05.

SNOOKER

SUNDERLAND: Skoda Grand Prix: Third round: S Davis (Eng) bt M Stevens (Wales) 5-2; F O'Brien (Ire) bt J Wattana (Thai) 5-3; J White (Eng) bt J Prince (N Ire) 5-0.

SQUASH

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island: US Open championship: Final: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt S Parke (Eng) 15-11, 17-15, 15-8.
WELWYN GARDEN CITY: Prince British junior championships: Finals: Boys: Under-14: P Barker (Essex) bt M Grahan (Durham and Cleveland) 9-0, 8-10, 10-9, 9-3. Under-12: A Flathers (Yorkshire) bt P Campbell (Scotland) 10-8, 9-0, 9-5. Girls: Under-14: J Duncalf (Yorkshire) bt A Hall (Lancashire) 9-2, 3-9, 10-8, 9-4. Under-12: A Waters (Middlesex) bt Z Curgenven (Hampshire) 9-2, 9-1, 9-6.

SRA League
Group A

	P	W	L	Pts
Pollies Bar	1	1	0	2
Broadstone	1	1	0	2
Duffield	1	0	1	0
Portelliad	1	0	1	0
Nottingham	0	0	0	0

Group B

	P	W	L	Pts
Bromley Town	1	1	0	2
Oasis	1	1	0	2
Burnham Beech	1	1	0	2
Colchester	1	0	1	0
Leaden	1	0	1	0
Stirlings	1	0	1	0

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket

European Cup Champions' League
Group A
Aab Aalborg v Panathinaikos (8.30)
Coca-Cola Cup
Third round
Aston Villa v Stockport (7.45)
Coventry v Tottenham (7.45)
Crystal Palace v Middlesbrough (7.45)
* Derby v Leeds (7.45)
Liverpool v Manchester City (7.45)
Millwall v Sheffield Wednesday (7.45)
Norwich v Bradford (7.45)
QPR v York (7.45)
Southampton v West Ham
* Stoke v Newcastle (7.45)
Wolverhampton v Charlton (7.45)
Scottish Coca-Cola Cup
Semi-final
Dundee v Airdrie
(at McDiarmid Park, Perth, 3.0)
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Newport AFC v Dorchester; Salisbury v Gloucester. Southern division: Poole v Fareham. Midland division: Solihull v Evesham.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: League Cup: Second round: Bradford PA v Frickley.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Oxford United (2.0); Crystal Palace v Bristol Rovers (at Dulwich Hamlet, 7.0); Ipswich v Luton (at Bury St Edmunds); Watford v Chelsea (2.0). League Cup: Bath City v Bournemouth; Birmingham City v Cheltenham; Swansea City v Cardiff City (2.0).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest v Manchester United (7.0); West Bromwich Albion v Sheffield United (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Grimsby (7.0); Burnley v Sunderland (7.15); Huddersfield v Leicester (7.0); Port Vale v Blackpool (7.0)
P & J HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Deveronvale v Elgin; Keith v Cove Rangers; Lossiemouth v Buckie Thistle; Rothes v Fraserburg.
LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: First round: Group one: Caernarfon Bay v Pontrhydfendigaid; Conwy v Bangor City. Group three: Aberystwyth v Caersws. Group four: Llanelli v Briton Ferry.

TENNIS

ESSEN, Germany: Men's tournament: First round: A Volkov (Rus) bt M Bernard-Laqui (Spa) 7-5, 7-2; J Eltingh (Hol) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-2, 6-4; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt A Krickstein (US) 6-4, 6-2; M Washington (US) bt R Kiefer (Ger) 3-6, 6-0, 6-4; T Martin (US) bt D Wheaton (US) 7-6, 6-4; G Raoux-aid (GB) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; M Skinner (Can) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; B Steven (NZ) bt A O'Brien (US) 7-6, 6-3; D Vacek (Cz) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; J Wimmik (Hol) bt P Haarhuis (Hol) 6-1, 6-1.
SEOUL: ATP Challenger tournament (selected result): First round: T Henman (GB) bt I Saric (Cro) 6-4, 6-2.

FOOTBALL

BANKS'S BREWERY PREMIER DIVISION: League Cup: Second round: Bilsinghall v Pelsall; Walsall Wood v Cradley.
FEDERATION BREWERY LCL PILS NORTHERN LEAGUE: League Cup: Second round: Brandon v Eppleton; Consett v Darlington CS; Durham v Horden CW; Gateshead v Murton; Peterlee v Chester-le-Street; Shotton Comrades v Norton; Whickham v Seaham Red Star; Whitby v Prudhoe; Willington v Billingham Town.
BREAKMILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Stidpont v Crediton.
INTERLINK EXPRESS INDUSTRIAL RESERVES LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Stanley v Penrith.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket v Sudbury Res.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Christchurch v Portsmouth.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Presidents Cup: Second round: Ashfield v Maltby MW; Bridlington v Hucknall; Brigg v Winterton; Immingham v Hall Road.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Northwich v Skelmersdale.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Under-15 internationals: Luxembourg v Wales (4.0). Interschools challenge: Wigan v Sunderland (Robin Park, 11.0).

RUGBY UNION

CIS Insurance series tour match
North v Fiji XV (2.30)
Representative match
Public Schools Wanderers v Thailand XV (Finsbury Park, Blackheath, 2.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: ZIP Trophy: Leicester v Doncaster (8.0); Birmingham v Cockerels (7.30).
BOXING: European middleweight championship: Richie Woodhall (Telford, holder) v Zdzislaw Kostka (Yug, Telford Ice Rink).
ICE HOCKEY: Olympic qualification: Great Britain v Holland (Lillico, Kaynes).
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

DEONTIC
(b) To do with duty or obligation, from the Greek *deōn* being necessary. "Ethical arguments should be able to exhibit their deontic in the same way that inference reveals its logic."

GIDDEA
(c) A long spear made from hard Australian wood from a tree of this name, from the weapon and the word of the Australian Aborigines.

ATTAP
(a) The name used in Malayo-Javanese regions for any palm-fronds used in thatching, especially those of the palm *Nipa fruticans*, hence a thatch made of these. The native word. "The roof is thatched with the common Bretiam attaps in the same way as Malay houses."

FURPHY
(a) A false report or rumour, an absurd story. Australian slang, an eponym from the *Furphy* carts, water and sanitary carts used in the 1914-18 war, made at the Furphy family foundry at Shepparton, Victoria."

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Halling's challenge supported by lasix

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW YORK

ANY pretence that the Breeders' Cup at Belmont Park on Saturday ranks as racing's world championship was severely undermined yesterday when the spectre of horses running on a legal cocktail of drugs raised its ugly head once again. Not for nothing is the $10 million spectacular referred to as the Bleeders' Cup.

Simon Crisford, the Godolphin racing manager, announced here that Halling, the Eclipse and International Stakes winner, will be given furosemide, better known as lasix, before he takes on Cigar in the $3 million Classic.

The diuretic theoretically helps horses with a tendency to break blood vessels but, more significantly, is widely believed to enhance a horse's performance — particularly the first time it is used.

Minutes later, Geoff Lewis, the Epsom trainer, stood outside the isolation barn housing the European contingent of horses and confirmed that Lake Coniston, the July Cup winner, will be administered butazolidin, or bute, in the run-up to the $1 million Sprint. The anti-inflammatory drug acts as a painkiller.

The decision by the connections of Halling and Lake Coniston to make use of such permitted "dope" may be understandable. After all, when in Rome . . . but that is of little consolation to those who believe racing should be drug-free and that constant use of medication harms thoroughbred breeding.

David Pipe, the Jockey Club spokesman, responded: "If trainers feel they have to use such medication to compete on a level playing field then there is little we can do about it.

"The Americans stand out alone against the rest of the world on the use of these substances and we have been trying to encourage them to come into line with other racing authorities, but one cannot criticise trainers of the British horses out there if they feel they are at a disadvantage by not using the drugs."

The irony of the latest doping saga is that, until the beginning of last month, racing in New York was drug-free, in theory at least, and lasix and bute were banned. However, the New York State Racing and Wagering Board succumbed to pressure, mainly from trainers, to follow the example set by other racing states.

Lasix can only be administered to horses who have bled at some stage of their career and have a veterinary certificate to prove it. However, up to 75 per cent of horses suffer from bleeding in the lungs, mostly minor, during a race.

In Halling's case, the necessary confirmation about bleeding was provided by Dr Mike Hauser, the vet who is a valuable member of the Godolphin team and previously was chief veterinarian at Belmont Park. It will be Dr Hauser who injects lasix into Halling on Saturday morning, hours before the Classic is run.

Until yesterday, there had been no indication that Halling had suffered from bleeding but Crisford confirmed he had bled in "recent" races. "The fact that he has bled before has not prevented him from winning, but he does bleed," he said.

Explaining the decision to administer lasix, he added: "It is a precautionary measure to prevent a recurrence of any bleeding that has happened in the past. The important thing is to do things which minimise any chances of a problem of any nature, whatever that may be. We are using it as a precautionary measure."

The decision to use the drug will not have been taken without consulting Sheikh Mohammed who hopes to race Halling in the Dubai World Cup next spring, when drugs will be banned.

As regards Saturday's race, if Halling bled when winning at Sandown or York this summer, what kind of performance will he produce without bleeding?

After feeding Lake Coniston some of his favourite food — carrots — Lewis reported his sprinter in tip-top form. "He's as good as I've seen him. He's travelled well and eaten up, so the worst is over."

The Epsom trainer said that although Lake Coniston had never had any problems with his joints, bute would enable him to recover more quickly from the inevitable stiffness following a 15-hour journey to the United States.

Drugs aside, the ability of Halling to pose a threat to Cigar almost certainly hinges on his ability to cope with Belmont Park's dirt track. Crisford said: "That is the key to the whole thing. Our horse is taking on Cigar, who is a confirmed dirt specialist and who is on his home track. It is unquestionably going to be very tough to beat him on his home territory. We are confident he will handle it but it would be inaccurate to say we know he goes on dirt."

ED BYRNE



Cigar, strongly fancied to land the Breeders' Cup Classic for the United States, is washed down after exercising at Belmont Park

THUNDERER

Nap: MONICASMAN
(1.15 Cheltenham)
Next best: Royal Canaska
(2.35 Yarmouth)

Thunderer was in impressive form at Redcar yesterday, selecting four winners including Night Wink (12-1) and Times Of Times (8-1). Our Newmarket Correspondent napped Lady Carla (5-2) at Leicester.

Club waits on more evidence in Murphy case

By JULIAN MUSCAT

THE racing world's desire for a swift conclusion to the investigation into Declan Murphy's winning comeback came to nothing yesterday when it emerged the Jockey Club has not completed its preparatory work on events at Chepstow on October 9.

Strands of evidence thought pertinent by the Club's security department have yet to be gathered. Once complete, the security team is to report its findings to the disciplinary committee, which must then decide whether certain circumstances surrounding Murphy's victory merit an official inquiry. The jockey's successful return to race riding after a near fatal fall at Haydock inspired widespread media coverage.

However, an investigation was launched after bookmaker-inspired promptings about the size of winning bets struck on Jibereen, Murphy's mount in the Annual Flat Jockeys v Jump Jockeys' Challenge.

An unsatisfactory impasse now hangs over the whole affair, but the preliminary investigation will not be complete before the end of the week.

David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, defended what he described as a necessarily lengthy process. "The security department is duty-bound to investigate any allegations and this is what is presently happening," Pipe said yesterday. "It may well be that the disciplinary committee will require further information when it convenes to consider the case. Either way, we shouldn't expect any further developments until next week."

It is believed one reason for the delay concerns the security department's interest in interviewing Geoff Lewis, the trainer of Jibereen. But Lewis, who, at the weekend, was highly critical of the Club's failure to inform him of its investigation, is in New York supervising Lake Coniston's challenge for the $1 million Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont Park on Saturday.

Murphy, who partnered Jibereen in a morning workout just days before the Chepstow race, was subsequently drawn to ride the horse in a ballot conducted by Rodger Farrant, clerk of the course at Chepstow.

Murphy's return to the saddle came at a time when the National Hunt season picks up in earnest. The fixture at Cheltenham today is followed by two interesting jumps cards at Ascot and Wetherby on Saturday. At the latter venue, a strong cast assembled for the Charlie Hall Chase will scatter unless the rains arrive.

Barton Bank, Jodami, Young Hustler and Morceli have all been entered for the prestigious steeplechase over an extended three miles. However, Jodami is most unlikely to run and Barton Bank's participation is seriously threatened by fast ground. The latter, trained by David Nicholson, threw away the prize 12 months ago when his fall, three fences from the finish, allowed Young Hustler to take the spoils.



Murphy: winning return

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER
1.25 Dande Flyer
2.00 Saseedo
2.35 Balladur
3.10 NASHAAT (nap)
3.45 Bright Water
4.15 Morocco

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 BOWDEN ROSE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.25 LITTLE NOGGINS (nap). 2.35 Balladur. 3.45 Bright Water.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.25 LOUND NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,655: 5f 43yd) (5 runners)

101 (5) 11035 LITTLE NOGGINS 13 (D,F) (M Hall) C Dwyer 9-7 .... C Dwyer 97
102 (4) 140106 GAGAJULU 12 (D,F,G) (R Mason) P Evans 9-6 .... G Hind ■
103 (3) 0243 TIME FOR TEA 9 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-5 .... M Roberts 92
104 (1) 342501 DANDE FLYER 9 (D,G) (Dandelion Distribution) D Arbuthnot 8-10 (7ex) B Doyle 98
105 (2) 00U GOVERNORS DREAM 20 (V) (P Saunders) Mrs N Macauley 7-12 .... G Bardwell –

BETTING: 5-2 Time For Tea, 11-4 Dande Flyer, 3-1 Little Noggins, 7-2 Gagajulu, 8-1 Governors Dream.

1994: THARWA 7-3 M Baird (5-1) N Callaghan 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

LITTLE NOGGINS 1¾l 3rd of 11 to Lunar Mist in nursery at Newmarket (5f, good) on penultimate start. GAGAJULU best recent effort, beat Cosmic Fantasy short-head in 5-runner nursery at Chepstow (5f, good to firm). TIME FOR TEA 1l and short-head 3rd of 15 to Missile in maiden auction at Pontefract (6f, firm). DANDE FLYER beat Sharp Stock neck in 11-runner maiden auction at Folkestone (5f, good).
Selection: LITTLE NOGGINS

2.00 CORTON CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,108: 6f 3yd) (5 runners)

201 (1) 605460 SASEEDO 11 (D,F,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 5-8-5 .... Emma O'Gorman 98
202 (3) 663100 BOWDEN ROSE 6 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Lar Bowden Synd) M Blanshard 3-9-4 R Cochrane ■
203 (5) 500013 FANTASY RACING 6 (D,F,G,S) (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Channon 3-9-4 R Hughes 95
204 (2) 400002 MOUJEEB 6 (V,D,G) (Mrs C Gaugnard) Pat Mitchell 5-9-0 .... J Quinn 85
205 (4) 100330 FIRST VEIL 14 (D,G) (R Tooth) J Fanshawe 5-8-8 .... D Harrison 93

BETTING: 7-4 Bowden Rose, 11-4 Saseedo, 7-2 First Veil, 4-1 Fantasy Racing, 12-1 Moujeeb.

1994: NEEDLE GUN 4-9-2 M Roberts (6-13 fav) C Brittain 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SASEEDO 3½l 6th of 24 to Coastal Bluff in handicap at Ascot (5f, soft) on penultimate start with BOWDEN ROSE (3lb worse off) 11¾l 18th. BOWDEN ROSE best recent effort beat Domicksky 2l in handicap at Brighton (5f 59yd, good). FANTASY RACING two short-heads 3rd of 20 to Bajan Rose in handicap at Chepstow (6f, soft). MOUJEEB neck 2nd of 26 to Little Ibnr in rated stakes at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). FIRST VEIL 3l and head 3rd of 23 to Charlie Sillett in handicap at Haydock (6f, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: BOWDEN ROSE

2.35 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND HERRINGFLEET MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,932: 7f 3yds) (10 runners)

301 (9) 3 BALLADUR 15 (BF) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 .... Pat Eddery ■
302 (10) EXTREMELY FRIENDLY (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0 .... B Doyle –
303 (4) GO TOO MOOR (J Goodman) G Bravery 9-0 .... M Hills –
304 (2) HAMBITOOH (M Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0 .... Paul Eddery –
305 (3) MAWJUD (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 .... R Hills –
306 (1) MENOO HAL BATAL (A Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 .... K Bradshaw –
307 (7) ROYAL CANASKA (Mrs J Sillon) D Loder 9-0 .... R Hughes –
308 (5) DISTINCT BEAUTY (N Yong) W O'Gorman 8-9 .... Emma O'Gorman –
309 (6) 5 MEDIEVAL LADY 22 (J Williamson) Lady Herries 8-9 .... R Cochrane 97
310 (8) 0 PETITE JULIETTE 25 (A Al Khalifa) W Jarvis 8-9 .... W Ryan 98

BETTING: 7-4 Balladur, 5-2 Royal Canaska, 4-1 Menoo Hal Batal, 6-1 Mawjud, 10-1 Medieval Lady, 14-1 Extremely Friendly, 16-1 others.

1994: PEACE ENVOY 9-0 Pat Eddery (1-2 fav) H Cecil 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLADUR neck and 4l 3rd of 14 to Don Micheletto in maiden at Leicester (7f, good). EXTREMELY FRIENDLY (foaled Jan 19). Half-brother by Generous to Eclipse winner Environment Friend; dam, out of 1000 Guineas winner Waterloo, juvenile 6f winner in France. HAMBITOOH (Jan 19). First foal, by Hansel; dam juvenile group II winner in France. MAWJUD (Jan 25). First foal, by Mujtahid; dam triple 1m 2f winner at three years. MENOO HAL BATAL (Mar 17). Half-brother by Gone West to several winners including very useful 6f/7f performer Weldnaas; dam unraced sister to a juvenile group II winner. ROYAL CANASKA (Mar 26; cost 30,000gns). Half-brother by Royal Academy to 6f winner Canaska Star; dam smart juvenile 6f winner. MEDIEVAL LADY 5l 5th of 17 to Sil Sila in maiden at Warwick (7f, good to soft). PETITE JULIETTE 6¾l 8th of 17 to Polish Spring in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).
Selection: BALLADUR

□ Steve Maloney, the jockey, was suspended for four days (November 2-4 and 6) after winning on Mister Joel in the Wilton Median Auction Stakes at Redcar yesterday. The stewards took the view that he had used the whip incorrectly on the Mick Easterby-trained juvenile.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 NEWPORT CLAIMING STAKES (£3,099: 7f 3yd) (14 runners)

401 (13) 120406 SAMSOLOM 7 (C,D,F,G) (C Hammond) P Howling 7-9-10 .... J Quinn 83
402 (6) 230111 SPENCER'S REVENGE 7 (CD,F,G) (A Reid) M Ryan 6-9-2 .... G Bardwell 94
403 (2) FRAMED (L McGarrigle) S Williams 5-8-10 .... J Tate –
404 (11) 10-0101 BERGE 163 (B,D,F,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-8-8 .... Emma O'Gorman 89
405 (3) 522840 ACTION JACKSON 53 (Print Professionals) B McMath 3-8-7 .... R Cochrane 86
406 (5) 060000 AWESOME VENTURE 5 (D,S) (M Rasen Club) M Chapman 5-8-6 C Munday (7) 78
407 (4) 030024 OUR SHADEE 2 (V,D,F,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 5-8-4 .... B Doyle 83
408 (12) 230655 TOMAL 9 (F) (C Adams) R Ingram 3-8-3 .... W Woods 77
409 (10) 450001 NASHAAT 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Painting) N Walker 7-8-2 .... J Stack (3) ■
410 (1) 003360 WADERS DREAM 41 (V,F,C) (R Berenson) Pat Mitchell 6-8-2 .... P Robinson 76
411 (9) 006060 MAGIC LEADER 117 (V) (I Pattle) T Clement 3-8-1 .... A Mackay 70
412 (8) 600000 ZUNO FLYER 28 (B) (V Falola) G Lewis 3-8-1 .... A Whelan (5) –
413 (14) /0000/ MISSAL 1206 (B) (Mrs D Smith) Pat Mitchell 6-7-11 .... Amanda Sanders (7) –
414 (7) 00/06-0 POLHYMNIA 51 (V) (G Bravery) G Bravery 4-7-11 .... N Carlisle –

BETTING: 3-1 Spencer's Revenge, 9-2 Nashaat, 6-1 Berge, Our Shadee, 7-1 Samsolom, 12-1 Tomal, Waders Dream, 14-1 others.

1994: BLOWEDIFIKNOW 4-9-6 J Quinn (7-1) J Wharton 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAMSOLOM best recent effort 4¼l 4th of 22 to No Extras in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). SPENCER'S REVENGE completed treble, beat Pelleman 1¾l in 18-runner handicap over course and distance (firm) with SAMSOLOM (3lb worse off) 4¼l 6th. BERGE beat Tyrone Flyer 3l in 12-runner claimer at Southwell (AW, 7f). OUR SHADEE 3l 4th of 14 to Sail The Fashion in rated stakes at Lingfield (AW, 7f). TOMAL about 3¼l 5th of 18 to Anita's Contessa in seller at Folkestone (7f, good). NASHAAT beat Mary's Case ½l in 20-runner selling handicap at Leicester (7f, good). WADERS DREAM best recent effort two short-heads 3rd of 13 to Sharp Imp in rated stakes at Folkestone (6f, firm).
Selection: SPENCER'S REVENGE (nap)

3.45 RANWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,628: 1m 3yd) (13 runners)

501 (5) BRIGHT WATER (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 .... Pat Eddery –
502 (11) 5 CLASSIC COLOURS 14 (Classic Bloodstock Plc) S Williams 9-0 .... A Mackay 72
503 (4) 6 HALEBID 15 (S Woods) S Woods 9-0 .... W Woods 70
504 (8) 2 JIYUSH 15 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 .... R Hills 91
505 (10) 6 ROSSEL 27 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 .... K Bradshaw –
506 (1) 00 SOLDIER MAK 42 (I Low) A Hide 9-0 .... A McGlone –
507 (12) 0 SUITOR 13 (H de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 .... M Tebbutt –
508 (9) AETHRA (Hesmonds Stud) Lady Herries 8-9 .... R Cochrane –
509 (2) 0 CAPSTONE 7 (H de Walden) W Jarvis 8-9 .... W Ryan –
510 (7) 0 DOUBLE UP 26 (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 8-9 .... J Quinn 78
511 (13) 22 INTRODUCING 16 (BF) (G Strawbridge) J Gosden 8-9 .... G Hind ■
512 (6) 0630 SOMER SOLO 25 (K Foods Group Racing) P Mitchell 8-9 .... D Harrison 89
513 (3) ST ADELE (Mrs V Kuill Payson) D Loder 8-9 .... D R McCabe (3) –

BETTING: 9-4 Introducing, 3-1 Bright Water, 4-1 St Adele, 9-2 Jiyush, 10-1 Rossel, 12-1 Aethra, 14-1 others.

1994: TRAIKEY 9-0 J Quinn (10-1) J Banks 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRIGHT WATER (foaled Jan 8). Brother to Tenby, top-class juvenile and group winner over middle-distances at three years; dam juvenile 5f/7f winner. JIYUSH 1¼l 2nd of 17 to Forest Buck in maiden at Leicester (1m, good) with HALEBID 9¼l 6th. ROSSEL 9½l 12th of 25 to Astor Place in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). AETHRA (Apr 21). Half-sister to a couple of winners abroad; dam half-sister to smart middle-distance performer Lacovia. DOUBLE UP 10l 8th of 12 to White Sea in maiden auction at Salisbury (1m, good to soft). INTRODUCING 2l 2nd of 19 to Obsessive in maiden at Leicester (7f, good). ST ADELE (May 26). Sister to St Jovite, top-class middle-distance performer at three years; dam Irish 7f winner.
Selection: INTRODUCING

4.15 CALIFORNIA HANDICAP (£3,915: 7f 3yd) (13 runners)

601 (13) 065503 HICKORY BLUE 6 (V,F) (Mrs C Griffin) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-0 . S Drowne (3) 93
602 (2) 102036 SPANISH STRIPPER 78 (F) (T Satchell) M Channon 4-9-12 .... C Munday (7) 91
603 (1) 01-6541 MOVE WITH EDES 112 (CD,F) (W Ede & Co) W G M Turner 3-9-9 A Eddery (7) 97
604 (7) /610/40 LABUDD 18 (BF,G) (P Issac) R Ingram 5-9-7 .... R Hills 93
605 (11) 030026 MOROCCO 7 (D,F,S) (M Myers) M Channon 6-9-6 .... R Hughes 93
606 (6) 0-06000 MERLIN'S FANCY 16 (Mrs R Kennard) W Jarvis 3-9-2 .... W Ryan 93
607 (4) 00402 DARCEY BUSSELL 7 (W Gredley) N Wright 3-9-1 .... Dane O'Neill (5) ■
608 (10) 420404 LOVE LEGEND 6 (D,F,G,S) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 10-8-13 .... T Ives 91
609 (9) 430560 AHJAY 7 (D,F,G) (R Thomas) D Wilson 5-8-9 .... M Roberts 90
610 (3) 358002 NO SPEECHES 7 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-9 .... DOUBTFUL 97
611 (12) 246500 ABOER 27 (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 3-8-6 .... B Doyle 92
612 (8) 034045 MERRIE LE BOW 5 (R20 Nightspot) Pat Mitchell 3-8-3 .... Martin Dwyer (7) 89
613 (5) 000-60 HYLTERS GIRL 42 (Mrs K Vane) M Ryan 3-7-6 .... G Bardwell –

BETTING: 3-1 Morocco, 7-2 Darcey Bussell, 6-1 Ahjay, 7-1 Merrie Le Bow, 8-1 Hickory Blue, 10-1 Love Legend, 12-1 others.

1994: ERTLON 4-10-0 M Roberts (9-1) C Brittain 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

HICKORY BLUE neck and ¾l 3rd of 28 to Little Ibnr in rated stakes at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). MOVE WITH EDES beat Rosa Bonheur 5l in 6-runner seller over course and distance (good to firm). LABUDD about 2¾l 4th of 22 to Swinging Sixties in claiming handicap at Goodwood (1m, good) on penultimate start. MOROCCO best recent effort when head 2nd of 11 to Crystal Heights in rated stakes at Brighton (7f, good). DARCEY BUSSELL 2l 2nd of 11 to Heveest in maiden here (1m, good to firm). LOVE LEGEND 2¼l 4th of 19 to Kingchip Boy in claimer at Nottingham (1m, good to firm).
NO SPEECHES 1l 2nd of 20 to Total Rach in selling handicap here (1m, good to firm).
Selection: DARCEY BUSSELL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	25	97	25.8	Pat Eddery	15	62	24.2
H Thomson Jones	21	89	23.6	R Hills	32	153	20.9
J Gosden	20	91	22.0	M Roberts	37	199	18.6
M Blanshard	3	14	21.4	W Ryan	24	136	17.6
M Stoute	22	109	20.2	M Hills	26	151	17.2
D Loder	6	32	18.8	P Robinson	22	137	16.1

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Salse stays

SHAREHOLDERS in Newmarket's Side Hill Stud have rejected a bid of around £2.5 million from Ireland's Rathbone Stud for this year's champion sire-designate, Salse. John Warren, the stud manager, said: "The stallion remains at Side Hill at a stud fee of £12,500 from October 1."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

Going: firm

1.45 (5f 218yd) 1, THORDIS (K Darley, 7-1); 2, *Blue Suede Hoots* (B Doyle, 14-1); 3, Mindrace (D Biggs, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Diamond Beach, 6 Incatinka (4th), 8 Mac Oates, 16 May Queen Megan (6th), 20 Lia Fail (5th), 50 Baes, Dauphin, Lunar Gris, Spa Lane, 66 Hadadabble, Mrs Keen, 100 Andsome Boy, Astra Martin, Bear To Dance, Lakeside Express, Welcome Lu. 19 ran. NR: Polish Lady. 1½l, sh hd, 2l, 5l, 5l. P Makin at Ogbourne Maisey. Tote: £7.50; £2.10, £2.50, £6.60. DF: £78.70. Trio: £213.20 (part won; pool of £189.23 carried forward to 4.15 at Yarmouth today). CSF: £91.37.

2.15 (1m 8yd) 1, TONYS GIFT (Dane O'Neill, 2-1 fav); 2, Dr Caligari (G Carter, 16-1); 3, Burnt Sienna (P P Murphy, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Gentle Irony (4th), 11-2 Bobanlyn (6th), 12 Dancing Sioux (5th), 14 Dowdency, 20 Havana Miss, 25 Simposa, 33 Anjomajasa, Broughtons Champ, 50 Begger's Opera, L'Eglise Belle, Rolling Settlement, 66 Arno, Bllc Ploughgirl, Oscilights Gift, Shared, 100 Amboyna Burl (ref to race), Most Becoming. 20 ran. 2l, ½l, 1½l, 1½l, ¾l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £2.40, £4.80. DF: £11.50. Trio: £51.90. CSF: £32.48.

2.45 (1m 8yd) 1, LADY CARLA (Pat Eddery, 5-2, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, *General Macarthur* (G Duffield, 16-1); 3, Tawafek (R Cochrane, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Hayaam, 3 Desert Cat (4th), 8 Fleming June (6th), 14 Roseberry Avenue (5th), 16 Spartan Heartbeat, 20 Hal Hoo Yaroom, 33 *Baron Hrabovsky*, 66 He's Got Wings, Jean Pierre. 12 ran. NR: Chauvelin. 4l, 3½l, hd, hd, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £6.00, £9.00. DF: £88.90. Trio: £192.40 (part won; pool of £67.77 carried forward to 4.15 at Yarmouth today). CSF: £41.36.

3.15 (1m 8yd) 1, SECRET ALY (B Doyle, 10-1); 2, Zajko (R Cochrane, 11-4 fav); 3, Star Manager (M Hills, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Misty Silks, 5 Moneefa (5th), 8 Safan, 9 Rory (6th), 11 Sharp Consul, 16 Aldaneh (4th), 20 *Roman Reel*, 33 Araboybill, Gull Shaadi, Rock Oyster. 13 ran. Hd, 1¾l, ¾l, shd, 2½l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £15.30; £5.20, £1.70, £4.50. DF: £23.50. Trio: £81.90. CSF: £37.64. Tricast: £383.92.

3.45 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, LOVELY LYCA (R Hills, 5-1); 2, Eden Heights (A Daly, 2-1 fav); 3, Darter (K Darley, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Anjou, 13-2 House Of Dreams (6th), 14 Cross Talk (5th), Shahrani, 33 Pinkerton Polka (4th), 50 Northern Charmer. 9 ran. ¾l, 4l, 5l, ¾l, 1¼l. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £6.10; £1.70, £1.40, £1.40. DF: £7.70. Trio: £28.10. CSF: £14.56.

4.15 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, RIVAL BID (Amanda Sanders, 6-1); 2, El Bailador (R Hills, 5-1); 3, Ducking (D Harrison, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Thames Side (5th), 6 Guesstimation (4th), 9 Soltando, Wonderful Day, 12 Dvorak, Kintwyn, 14 Noble Neptune (6th), Yo Kin-B, 16 *Bold Acre*, 20 Harding, Queenbird. 14 ran. NR: Braydon Forest, Dia Georgy, Hawkish, Pistol, Rock The Barney. ¾l, nk, 2l, nk, 1l. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £5.00; £2.50, £1.60, £8.30. DF: £27.00. Trio: £388.50. CSF: £37.16. Tricast: £432.87.

Jackpot: £86,489.10 (0.50 tickets; pool of £80,807.87 carried forward to Yarmouth today).

Placepot: £2,862.30. Quadpot: not won (pool of £285.88 carried forward to Yarmouth today).

Redcar

Going: firm, good to firm in places

1.30 (5f) 1, Mister Joel (S Maloney, 9-2); 2, Time To Tango (7-4 fav); 3, Corniche Quest (5-1). 11 ran. Hd, 1½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £6.10; £1.90, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £7.90. Trio: £16.10. CSF: £13.05.

2.00 (6f) 1, Times Of Times (C Rutter, 8-1); 2, Time To Fly (20-1); 3, Bees River (9-4 fav); 4, Sandblaster (8-1). 20 ran. 3l, sh hd. M Ryan. Tote: £8.70; £2.50, £5.70, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £78.70. Trio: £257.50. CSF: £161.49. Tricast: £454.15.

2.30 (1m 3f) 1, Shabanaz (C Rutter, 6-5 fav); 2, Hunza Story (9-1); 3, Goodbye Millie (4-1). 13 ran. 1¾l, 4l. W Muir. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £2.30, £1.20. DF: £16.50. Trio: £9.40. CSF: £12.92.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1, Another Time (W Woods, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Domitia (12-1); 3, Ocean Park (7-2 jt-fav). Once More For Luck 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 1l, 2l. S Woods. Tote: £5.10; £1.70, £2.40, £1.60. DF: £27.40. Trio: £71.20. CSF: £42.08.

3.30 (1m) 1, Night Wink (Martin Dwyer, 12-1); 2, Pine Ridge Lad (11-1); 3, Mbulwa (7-2 fav). 14 ran. 5l, 1¾l. D Nicholls. Tote: £10.40; £3.30, £3.10, £1.90. DF: £56.50. Trio: £57.00. CSF: £127.73. Tricast: £516.07.

4.00 (7f) 1, La Volta (R Hughes, 9-4); 2, Roses In The Snow (4-5 fav); 3, Karisma (4-1). 5 ran. Hd, 11l. J FitzGerald. Tote: £3.60; £2.50, £1.00. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.18.

4.30 (7f) 1, Quilling (D McKeown, 10-1); 2, King Rat (20-1); 3, Super Benz (25-1). Mister Westsound 9-2 fav. 15 ran. ¾l, 2½l. M Dods. Tote: £12.30; £4.40, £7.00, £5.60. DF: £118.20. Trio: £544.30 (part won; pool of £552.00 carried forward to 4.15 at Yarmouth today). CSF: £189.06. Tricast: £4,384.16.

Placepot: £12.70. Quadpot: £6.50.

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER
1.15 Monicasman. 1.45 K C'S Dancer. 2.20 Sticky Money. 2.55 Wise Approach. 3.30 Royal Expression. 4.05 Sonic Star. 4.35 Your Risk.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.15 ADLESTROP NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,850: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1 00-1 STAR OF DAVID 21 (G) Miss A Embiricos 7-11-10 .... J Ryan ■
2 0- CAMPECHE BAY 354 G Balding 6-11-2 .... B Clifford –
3 2- DIVINER 185 I Balding 6-11-2 .... R Dunwoody –
4 1- LADY PETA 161 (G) N Henderson 5-11-2 .... M A Fitzgerald –
5 115- MONICASMAN 224 (G,S) A Jarvis 5-11-2 .... A Maguire –
6 04P- MONKS JAY 191 G Thorner 6-11-2 .... J A McCarthy 75
7 P/ POSSOM PICKER 681 C Popham 5-11-2 .... P Carberry –
8 51-2 SLINGSBY 21 (BF,F) Miss H Knight 5-11-2 .... J F Titley 98
9 40- WHISPERING COURT 259 A Turnell 5-11-2 .... S McNeill 91
10 0P- WIXOE WONDER 187 M Bradstock 5-11-2 .... P Holley –
11 542- EQUINIMITY 221 A Jarvis 6-10-11 .... D Bridgwater –
12 -0P6 VISION OF LIGHT 18 H Oliver 5-10-11 .... Jacqui Oliver 61

2-1 Lady Peta, 3-1 Slingsby, 9-2 Diviner, 7-1 Star Of David, 10-1 Monicasman, 12-1 Equinimity, 20-1 others.

1.45 VFB HOLIDAYS SILVER JUBILEE HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,469: 3m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 PF-P MAN OF MYSTERY 6 (B,D,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-11 .... M Rimell (5) –
2 25P- BOWL OF OATS 279 (B,S) A Turnell 9-11-7 .... J Rees (7) 91
3 3-52 K C'S DANCER 44 (D,F,S) R Dickin 10-10-0 .... R Thornton 92
4 5-61 GREEN WALK 8 (D,F) R Rowe 8-10-0 (6ex) .... A Kinane (7) 93
5 P0-5 PARSON'S WAY 21 (B,G) A Jones 8-10-0 Miss P Robson (7) ■
6 84-R FOXGROVE 137 (F,G) R Price 9-10-0 .... Miss E Jones (7) 82
7 3205 FLYING ZIAD 12 (F,G) A Chamberlain 12-10-0 .... Miss D Didling (7) 75
8 343P JOHN ROGER 12 H Manners 9-10-0 .... A Charles-Jones (7) 73
9 UPP- ANSTEY GADABOUT 217 (G) D Bassett 9-10-0 A Holdsworth (7) –

7-4 K C's Dance, 3-1 Man Of Mystery, 5-1 Bowl Of Oats, Green Walk, 8-1 Parson's Way, 10-1 Foxgrove, 14-1 Flying Ziad, 20-1 others.

2.20 TIM EMANUEL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,550: 2m 7f 110yd) (7)

1 21R- GREENHILL TARE AWAY 224 (CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 7-12-0 .... G Tormey (3) 94
2 -1U2 TUG OF PEACE 18 (BF,F,G,S) G Balding 8-11-11 B Fenton (5) –
3 142- ELEGANT KING 331 (CD,F,G,S) A Jarvis 6-11-2 .... A Maguire 93
4 -P53 HOLY JOE 11 (F,G,S) D Burchell 13-10-11 .... D J Burchell ■
5 P12- STICKY MONEY 186 (S) M Pipe 7-10-6 .... D Bridgwater 98
6 40-4 SMITH TOO 18 (F,G) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-5 .... W Marston 98
7 00-1 SAME DIFFERENCE 19 (C,F,G,S) A Jarvis 7-10-3 P Morris (7) 98

3-1 Same Difference, 7-2 Tug Of Peace, 9-2 Sticky Money, 5-1 Greenhill Tare Away, 6-1 Smith Too, 8-1 Elegant King, Holy Joe.

2.55 LLOYDS BOWMAKER CORPORATE FINANCE DIVISION HANDICAP CHASE (£4,834: 2m 5f) (4)

1 11-1 DEXTRA DOVE 137 (D,F,G,S) S Earle 8-11-10 .... C Maude 98
2 1-11 WISE APPROACH 20 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-9 .... S McNeill ■
3 413- ICARUS 175 (B,D,F,G) D Brown 9-10-0 .... A Maguire 93
4 -P23 MINE'S AN ACE 11 (C,F,S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-10-0 .... R Greene 91

Evens Dextra Dove, 6-4 Wise Approach, 6-1 Mine's An Ace, 8-1 Icarus.

3.30 NEVILLE RUSSELL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,570: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 122 MULTY 11 (B,D,F) C Mann 11-2 .... R Dunwoody –
2 12 ROYAL EXPRESSION 25 (B,D,BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 11-2 .... P Niven –
3 HEATHYARDS ROCK 14F R Hollinshead 10-12 M Mann (7) –
4 NOBLE BALLERINA 22F A Jarvis 10-7 .... A Maguire –
5 0 RISK A MILLION 11 J Jenkins 10-7 .... P Carberry –

6-4 Multy, 13-8 Royal Expression, 6-1 Heathyards Rock, 7-1 Risk A Million, 10-1 Noble Ballerina.

4.05 LYDNEY NOVICES CHASE (£4,085: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 F-13 BERTONE 11 (BF,F,G) K Bailey 6-11-12 .... R Dunwoody 87
2 12-1 NORSE RAIDER 13 (D,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-8 .... D Bridgwater 70
3 -131 STORM FALCON 27 (CD,F,G) S Mellor 5-11-8 .... Chris Webb ■
4 1132 SONIC STAR 19 (F,G) D Nicholson 6-11-5 .... A Maguire –

Evens Storm Falcon, 5-2 Bertone, 7-2 Norse Raider, 6-1 Sonic Star.

4.35 BONUSPRINT NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,716: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 1- YOUR RISK 158 (F) S Christian 5-11-11 .... G Hogan (5) –
2 CHARTER LANE Mrs L Jewell 5-11-4 .... D Leahy –
3 0- CLIFTON 329 R Curtis 6-11-4 .... G Crone (7) –
4 00-0 COLOURFUL BOY 12 H Manners 6-11-4 .... M Appleby –
5 0- SNITTON STREAM 324 G Yardley 5-11-4 .... Chris Webb (5) –
6 0- WILDE MUSIC 228 C Brooks 5-11-4 .... T J Murphy (3) –
7 0- GEMINI MIST 296 Mrs P Dutfield 4-10-12 .... Michael Hunt (7) –
8 GOVERNORS BLUE A Jessop 4-10-12 .... R Massey (5) –

4-5 Your Risk, 4-1 Wilde Music, 6-1 Colourful Boy, 8-1 Governors Blue, 12-1 Gemini Mist, Charter Lane, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: I Balding, 6 winners from 23 runners, 26.1%; K Bailey, 21 from 81, 25.9%; D Nicholson, 34 from 158, 21.5%; N Twiston-Davies, 21 from 186, 15.1%; G Balding, 16 from 111, 14.4%; M Pipe, 33 from 247, 13.4%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 40 winners from 207 rides, 19.3%; A Maguire, 24 from 169, 14.2%; D Bridgwater, 11 from 180, 13.8%; W Marston, 8 from 74, 10.8%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Fontwell Park: 2.10 Fettuccine. Yarmouth: 1.25 Governors Dream. 3.10 Magic Leader, Zuno Flyer.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER
1.35 Sandro. 2.10 Columcille. 2.45 Stapleford Lady. 3.20 Shirley's Train. 3.55 Rainbow Castle. 4.25 Clash Of Cymbals.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.35 FONTWELL PARK ANNUAL MEMBERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,925: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

1 03-0 J BRAND 13 (CD,G,S) R Hodges 8-11-10 .... T Dascombe (7)
2 /20- DELFFIN 102F (G) R Flower 9-11-9 .... P Hide
3 026- COBB GATE 224 (G) B Stevens 7-11-8 .... M Stevens
4 253- LORD GLENVARA 22F T McGovern 7-11-4 .... A P McCoy
5 52/0 SANDRO 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Bower 6-11-0 .... L Harvey
6 030- SPRINGTIME AFFAIR 22F Mrs N Macauley 4-10-6 .... Mr R Johnson (5)
7 4P5- PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 172 (S) Mrs L Jewell 9-10-5 .... J Railton
8 0/0- BISHOPS TRUTH 340 R Stronge 9-10-8 .... G Brown

11-4 Cobb Gate, 7-2 J Brand, 4-1 Lord Glenvara, 5-1 Delffin, 6-1 Sandro, Springtime Affair, 12-1 others.

2.10 ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD NOVICES CHASE (£2,560: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 /3P- CAPSIZE 336 (G) A Moore 9-11-0 .... B Powell
2 223- EQUITY PLAYER 144P (F,G,S) R Curtis 10-11-0 .... D Morris
3 0/P5 FETTUCCINE 21 (B,F,G,S) R Juckes 11-11-0 .... A Thornton
4 3-42 MY SENOR 23 (S) M Madgwick 6-11-0 .... Mr J Culloty (7)
5 PP-F QUEEN'S AWARD 23 (BF) J Gifford 8-11-0 .... P Hide
6 1-22 COLUMCILLE 39 (F,G) R Alner 9-10-9 .... Mr P Henley (7)

5-2 Columcille, 3-1 Capsize, 4-1 My Senor, 9-2 Queen's Award, 6-1 Equity Player, 8-1 Fettuccine.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 4 winners from 9 runners, 44.4%; R Alner, 11 from 32, 34.4%; P Hobbs, 17 from 53, 32.1%; J White, 16 from 72, 22.2%; J Gifford, 25 from 119, 21.0%; J Moore, 6 from 29, 20.7%.

JOCKEYS: Mr P Henley, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; P Carey, 3 from 10, 30.0%; P Hide, 11 from 55, 20.0%; A P McCoy, 8 from 41, 19.5%; G McCourt, 6 from 31, 19.4%; A Tory, 9 from 47, 19.1%.

2.45 STREBEL RADIATORS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,636: 2m 2f) (5)

1 12-1 BURES 5 (V,CD,F,G) M Tompkins 4-12-2 (6ex) .... D Gallagher
2 011- IVY EDITH 191 (CD,F,S) T Mills 5-11-9 .... G McCourt
3 13-0 ESPRIT DE FEMME 23 (C,F) D Browning 9-11-5 .... Peter Hobbs
4 5-41 STAPLEFORD LADY 6 (CD,F) J Moore 7-10-4 (6ex) W McFarland
5 3-21 TEL E THON 8 (V,D,F,G) Miss C Caroe 8-10-0 (6ex) .... I Lawrence

7-4 Bures, 11-4 Ivy Edith, 4-1 Stapleford Lady, 9-2 Tel E Thon, 6-1 Esprit De Femme.

3.20 DEREK WIGAN MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,490: 2m 2f) (7)

1 3112 SHIRLEY'S TRAIN 20 (F) P Hobbs 6-12-0 .... Peter Hobbs
2 0113 COME ON DANCER 55 (CD,F) J White 7-11-8 . P McLoughlin (3)
3 F2-3 RAYMAN 13 P Nicholls 7-11-7 .... A P McCoy
4 5505 EMERALD MOON 13 (F,G,S) P Rodford 8-10-6 .... S Burrough
5 200- CAPTAIN BERT 179 B De Haan 6-10-7 .... G Upton
6 8-24 CYRILL HENRY 46 (F,G) S Earle 6-10-1 .... B Powell
7 PP-P TUDOR WEDDING 7 R Alner 10-10-0 .... P Carey (7)

5-2 Shirley's Train, 11-4 Come On Dancer, 3-1 Rayman, 7-1 others.

3.55 VINTAGE VEUVE CLICQUOT AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,709: 2m 3f) (8)

1 P-14 RAINBOW CASTLE 11 (CD,G) J Gifford 8-12-0 .... P O'Keeffe (7)
2 1112 ZAJIRA 6 (F,G) P Eccles 5-11-12 .... R Johnson (5)
3 1U-0 TIME ENOUGH 18 (S) C Brooks 6-11-5 .... E James (7)
4 3-5P UPWARD SURGE 23 (F) R Ledger 5-10-11 .... Mrs N Ledger (7)
5 221- HANDSOME NED 191 (B,F,G,S) D Grissell 9-10-8 .... M Phillips
6 3-P3 MIRAGE DANCER 8 (F) Miss C Caroe 12-10-3 .... M Fitzgerald (7)
7 3PP- BE SURPRISED 316 (G) A Moore 9-10-1 .... T McCarthy (7)
8 P4PP FOREST RAIN 12 (F,G) J Evans 12-10-0 .... Miss E James (7)

9-4 Zajira, 3-1 Rainbow Castle, 4-1 Time Enough, Handsome Ned, 6-1 others.

4.25 MIDDLETON MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,363: 2m 6f) (7)

1 P-53 CLASH OF CYMBALS 11 J Moore 6-11-3 .... W McFarland
2 LITTLE CHINK D Grissell 5-11-3 .... Peter Hobbs
3 1/6- THE REPROBATE 364 (F) C Egerton 6-11-3 .... J A McCarthy
4 VANCOUVER LAD Mrs L Jewell 6-11-3 .... W Walsh (7)
5 RANNCHECK 75F M Campion 4-11-2 .... L Dace
6 -353 ELUSIVE STAR 18 J White 5-10-12 .... P McLoughlin (3)
7 60P- MY BOOKS ARE BEST 238 H Rowsell 6-10-12 .... A Tory

9-4 Elusive Star, 5-2 The Reprobate, 3-1 Clash Of Cymbals, 6-1 others

†The Reprobate runs only if overnight rain

Secret world of Havelange under threat

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AS ONE Brazilian star, Juninho, rises in the North-East, another, João Havelange, is on the wane. Juninho, one of the smallest but most creative players in football, now belongs to Middlesbrough, all bar the smallest of small print. Havelange, big and lugubrious, has run the politics and finances of Fifa, the game's world governing body, for 21 years, but, though reports of the decline of Havelange's autocratic power have been premature in the past, never has he been undermined as he is now.

In Seoul yesterday afternoon, Chung Mong-Joon, the man leading South Korea's bid to stage the World Cup finals in 2002 and a vice-president of Fifa, made a speech at a symposium that, in effect, castigated the administration as run by Havelange.

He noted that television viewership of the World Cup is significantly more popular than the Olympic Games, but added: "World Cup marketing and television rights must be reviewed. More transparency is needed. Historically, the process and decision-making on the marketing and television contracts have been handled by very few people behind closed doors. I believe that will change."


Chung: seeking change

Specifically, Chung, who has been an insider on the Fifa executive for little more than a year, believes that it is astonishing that the body's committees were not party to decisions affecting the financing of the world games. He did not spell out the fact that Havelange, with his senior vice-president, Guillermo Canedo, and the general secretary, Sepp Blatter, had, virtually alone, signed television agreements for three World Cups.

Yet Chung's voice, added to a similar call for transparency in the negotiating process by the presidents of the European and African governing bodies, means that three-fifths of the international football authorities have now openly questioned rule by Havelange. When Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, and Issa Hayatou, the head of the massive African voting block, wrote to Havelange using the same request for "transparency", the autocratic Brazilian threw a tantrum in the committee chamber and dismissed them as interferers. On December 9, he and the full executive committee will vote on proposals led by Uefa to begin a new constitutional rotation of the World Cup from continent to continent.

They will do so against the background that money talks loudest in football, as in virtually everything else. "There has already been talk of a $1 billion-bid for the TV rights to the 2002 World Cup," Chung told his audience yesterday. "My understanding is that we should aim at twice that amount: the marketing and TV rights for the 2002 World Cup are worth $2 billion. This is more than 20 times the amount achieved for USA '94."

Referring to the written bid of $1 billion, from the International Management Group (IMG) and a subsidiary company of the German publishing group Bertelsmann, revealed in *The Times* during August, Chung is of the belief that at least one other genuine counter-bidder is ready to enter the market. Furthermore, pledging that all profits from 2002, should Korea beat Japan to host that tournament, would be given to football, Chung specifically stated that this money, which he said yesterday could be as much as $300 million, should be distributed on a ratio of one-tenth to Fifa, but nine-tenths to the football confederations.

"Of the 169 nations who have entered the 1998 competition," he concluded, "probably only 60 or so have any real prospect of making it into the final 32 in France. As things stand, only the teams that reach the final stages would receive any share of profits. This means the top 32 footballing nations in the world receive money which will help them consolidate their position, while the rest fall further and further behind." The grass roots, he believes, must be better served and far more people must make the financial decisions.

But why did Swift do it?

Seeing Things Invisible. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

For this drama-documentary about Jonathan Swift, fellow Irishman Anthony Clare quits the room that houses his imaginary psychiatrist's chair, so familiar to Radio 4 listeners. We now find him in his real-life environment — Dublin's St Patrick's Hospital, of which he is medical director. St Patrick's, one of Europe's finest psychiatric establishments, was built thanks to a £12,000 bequest from Swift. *Seeing Things Invisible* examines two opposed views about whether Swift was mad, and why the great satirist founded the hospital. Was it, as Clare believes, a philanthropic gesture? Or was this Swift's final satiric act because, as he once wrote, no nation needed a refuge for "idiots and lunaticks" so much?

Who Sings the Hero? The Butterfly Hunt. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Why on earth has the story of Ursula Bower not made it to the cinema screen? Just think of it: an English anthropologist leading a tribe of Naga headhunters into action in Japan-threatened Burma. More than that: she was put in command of a platoon of Gurkhas too. To say that Ursula Bower was indomitable is seriously to understate her iron will, as well as her remarkable *sang froid*. As enemy bombers roared overhead, she surveyed the handful of weapons she and her jungle scouts possessed and all she could say was "What a pickle!" Matthew Solon wrote *The Butterfly Hunt*. Surely the inadequate title was not his, too?

Peter Davalle

Supporters' abuse forces Still to quit Peterborough

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

TEN weeks into the season, football bade farewell to a sixth manager yesterday when John Still resigned from Peterborough United, the club seventeenth in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division. There is a long way to go to match the blood-letting of last season, when 54 managers parted company with their clubs before the end of May, but the momentum is growing.

Still, 45, joins Frank Burrows, of Swansea City, in jumping before he was possibly pushed. The other four — Mike Walsh, of Bury, Sam Ellis and Steve Wicks, of Lincoln City, and Graham Barrow, of Wigan Athletic — were dismissed. Wicks, after succeeding Ellis in early September, lasted only 41 days.

Still's decision followed Peterborough's 3-0 defeat away to Brentford on Saturday and increasing criticism from the club's supporters. "There comes a time when you have to turn and walk away and, for me, that point arrived on Saturday," he said. "Some of the abuse was disgusting. It hurt me and affected some of our younger players."

After successful spells in non-league football with Dartford, Maidstone United and Dagenham and Redbridge, Still took over at London Road in May last year, shortly after the club was relegated. However, Peterborough's expected promotion challenge last season failed to materialise and they finished fifteenth.

Mick Halsall, a former Peterborough player and Still's assistant, has been appointed caretaker-manager and will be in charge for the match against York City at London Road on Saturday.

David Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, has not made the most distinguished of starts at Hillsborough, with Wednesday a moderate twelfth in the FA Carling Premiership, but he made a determined attempt to do something about it yesterday when he signed Darko Kovacevic and Dejan Stefanovic from Red Star Belgrade. Wednesday paid about £4 million for the Yugoslav pair, both 21, but may have to wait up to a month for their work permits to be processed by the Department of Employment. It is expected to take at least three weeks for the initial formalities to be concluded.

"We have to wait to see whether everything will be acceptable to the English FA, Fifa [the world governing body] and the DoE," Pleat said. "All that we know is that the clubs are happy and the players are happy. Everyone knows we are looking for high-quality players and these two certainly fit the bill."

Stefanovic is a defender while Kovacevic, a striker, has scored 42 goals in 45 games for Red Star. Pleat was keen to finalise the signings as swiftly as possible, to end the reported interest of clubs in Italy and Spain.

It is not Pleat's first venture into the European market and probably not his last, as the asking prices for English players have spiralled out of control. He bought Marc Degryse from Anderlecht for £1.6 million during the summer and also took Slobodan Dubajlik, the Yugoslav defender, on trial from VfB Stuttgart recently.

Three weeks after completing their momentous victory over Manchester United, York City, the Endsleigh second division side, seek to add the Premiership scalp of Queens Park Rangers to their collection tonight and reach the last 16 of the Coca-Cola Cup.

The teenage goalkeeper, Andy Warrington, will again deputise for the injured Dean Kiely at Loftus Road and Alan Little, the York manager, believes his side's task will be harder still. "If Rangers take us for granted they could be in trouble, but my side will have to play out of their skins to get through," Little said.

Stoke City and Millwall are also seeking second victories over Premiership sides, at home to Newcastle United and Wednesday respectively.

Johan Cruyff, the Barcelona coach, was suspended for five matches and fined 500,000 pesetas (£2,600) for insulting the referee, Manuel Diaz Vega, during a Spanish league match against Valencia on Sunday. Barcelona won 1-0. It was the sixth time that Cruyff has received a red card since he took charge at the club.

MARC ASPLAND


Pleat, the Wednesday manager, is looking forward to fielding his new signings

United spurn Italians' advances

BY PETER BALL

WHATEVER their deficiencies as suitors, Italians do not lack persistence. Manchester United, however, feel it is about time Internazionale of Milan accepted "no" for an answer in their pursuit of Eric Cantona.

Yesterday, Martin Edwards, the United chairman, rejected Inter's latest attempt to prise the player from Old Trafford. "How many more times do we have to say that Eric will not be leaving Manchester United?" Edwards said. "After everything that we as a club and Eric as a person have been through over the past year, can anyone seriously think we would sell him now? Eric is not for sale. It is as simple as that.

"I cannot stop other clubs from revealing that they would like to sign Eric, but it is becoming a bit tedious having this constant speculation involving Inter."

Inter have been linked with Cantona since his sending off at Crystal Palace in January, with Massimo Moratti, their president, making no secret of his desire to sign the Frenchman. Cantona's decision to sign a new contract with United did not cool Inter's ardour and it was revived this week by their new coach, Roy Hodgson. The answer, however, remains the same. United's performance at Chelsea on Saturday suggested that the club's future is bright and there is no incentive for Cantona to leave, or for United to sell him.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "It is not even a question of money. We simply cannot afford to let any of our senior players leave at the moment — and certainly not one of Eric's quality and influence. I have not had any contact with anyone from Inter, but they are wasting their time."

Across Manchester, Alan Ball, the City manager, prepared for this evening's Coca-Cola Cup tie at Anfield by inquiring about a Liverpool player. Ball confirmed yesterday that he had asked about signing Nigel Clough, although lack of money will preclude any transfer at the moment.

"Nigel is the type of player I like," Ball said. "He is a neat player with good skills. I've spoken to Roy Evans about him. There isn't the money at the moment, but if some became available, he is a player I would like to sign."

Blackburn Rovers confirmed yesterday that Paul Warhurst has asked for a transfer. Warhurst, who can play in defence, midfield or as a striker, was unhappy after being omitted from last Saturday's squad at West Ham United, after playing in a European Cup Champions' League game in Poland the previous Wednesday.

Surrey club tries to line up Jansher

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

JANSHER KHAN, the world champion, who was banned by the Super Squash League for failing to win a dead rubber for the Welsh Wizards in last season's play-offs, before being reinstated on appeal, may now ignore the top professional team competition this season in favour of a role in the club-based SRA National League.

A late bid by Abshot Country Club in Farnham, Surrey, to join the two-pool National League is based on Jansher's agreement to be listed for the squad in company with the world junior champion, Ahmed Barada, of Egypt, Martin Heath, the Scottish No 2, and the famous Guernsey women, Martine Le Moignan and Lisa Opie, who retired from international competition last year.

The Abshot bid has SRA approval but depends on the acceptance of clubs already registered for group A of the National League, which began last week. "Group A needs another club to equal the six competing in group B," Ken Vigiers, the new Abshot owner, said. "The possibility of players of this stature appearing in local clubs around the country would certainly appeal to spectators."

Jansher, who defeated Simon Parke, of England, in the final of the US Open on Monday, may be attracted by the mounting enthusiasm for the National League, which has been endorsed by many leading players. All but three of England's top 16 women have signed up for the competition's first season.

Stubborn Becker clears first hurdle

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BORIS BECKER returned to competition after injury with a typically stubborn performance in the Essen Open in Germany yesterday. Becker, the Wimbledon champion on three occasions, has been struggling to overcome a back injury for the past three weeks, but showed no signs of distress as he gained a 7-6, 6-4 second-round victory over Magnus Gustafsson, of Sweden.

Becker, ranked No 4 in the world, is hoping to clinch a place at next month's world championship with some victories on Europe's fast indoor courts, his favourite surface after grass.

Becker needs points from the Essen event, which has attracted almost all of the world's leading players, if he is to keep his ranking and qualify for the Frankfurt championship, which brings together the top eight players.

Yesterday's victory was certainly a step in the right direction. "The back is 95 per cent there and it is getting better day by day. It's always hard to start again, but I'm happy with my performance," Becker said. The win over Gustafsson, who is ranked No 91 in the world, was not one of the German's vintage performances, but he varied his game well when he was put under pressure in the second set.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia, who was the only other seed in action yesterday, also had to battle hard to earn his place in the third round. He needed three sets to overcome his compatriot, Alexander Volkov, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 6.00 Richard Astbury 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Seppin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

8.20am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather
6.00 On Air: Wagner (Prelude: Parsifal); Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat); Wagner (Overture: Tannhäuser); 7.32 *Symphony Series*: Mozart (Symphony No 13 in F); 8.05 Wagner (Prelude, Act III, Lohengrin); Wagner (Entry of the Gods into Valhalla, Das Rheingold)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini: Handel (Concerto Grosso in C, Alexander's Feast); Holst (Oriental Suite: Beni Mora); 9.30 *Haydn Piano Sonatas*: Sonata in B minor (Alfred Brendel, piano); 9.47 Shostakovich (Jazz Suite No 2, excerpts)
10.00 Musical Encounters, from Belfast. Mendelssohn (Overture: The Fair Melusine); 10.10 *Artist of the Week*: Maurice Bourgue, oboe. Poulenc (Trio for oboe, bassoon and piano); 10.25 Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); Falla (Psyché); Cipriani Potter (Symphony in D); Kreisler (Violin Concerto in C, in the style of Vivaldi); Brahms (Academic Festival Overture)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Berio (Fa-Si; Sequenza III; Coro; Concerto for two pianos and orchestra)
1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: The Vanbrugh Quartet's tenth anniversary concert. Purcell (Chacony in G minor); Berkeley (Magnetic Field, first broadcast); Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor, Op 95)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Nicholas Cleobury performs Mussorgsky, orch Rimsky-Korsakov (A Night on the Bare Mountain); Daniel Jones (Cello Concerto); Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor) (r)
3.00 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe, including Rossini (Tancredi: suoni di, William Tell); Holmboe (Recorder Trio, Op 133); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 10)
4.00 Choral Evensong, from the National Cathedral of St Patrick, Dublin
5.00 The Music Machine: The Technocrats. Stockhausen
5.15 In Tune from New York: The BBC Symphony Orchestra from Carnegie Hall. Bernstein (Wonderful Town, excerpts); Chopin (Nocturne in D flat, Op 27 No 2); Barber (Violin Concerto, first movement)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra in the USA under Andrew Davis; Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, violin. Delius (Brigg Fair); Shostakovich (Violin Concerto No 1); Carter (Adagio Tenebroso); Bartók (Suite: The Miraculous Mandarin)
9.30 In Translation: *A Heart So White* by Javier Marias
9.55 The Art of Fugue: Phantasm performs a selection from Bach's *The Art of Fugue*, on period instruments (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Jalinda Vernal's new stage production of *Cyrano de Bergerac*
11.30-12.30am Voices: Seven Deadly Sins. Iain Burnside introduces songs revealing the darker side of human nature

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News; incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and guests
10.00-10.30 News; Still Lives (FM only): Hany Thompson meets people still living in the house where they were born (4/4)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Children's BBC Radio 4: The Reluctant Vampire (LW only), by Eric Morecambe. Read by Tony Robinson (3/5)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time with members of the British Steel Gardening Society at Shotton (r)
12.00pm News; You and Yours, with Liz Barclay
12.25 Moving: Neil McKay's comedy drama series taps into the British obsession with homes (4/6) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Who Sings the Hero? See Choice
2.45 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen talks to the poet Gareth Owen
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift presented by Duke Ibrahim Louis Robinson presents a feature on *The Mystery of Oak Island* (2/3)
4.00 News; 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Gambaccini talks to singer-songwriter Joan Baez
4.45 Short Story: The Cage, by Roy Heath. Read by Burt Caesar
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis
5.45 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats.
5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Round Britain Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite and his team of investigators follow up listeners' complaints
7.45 States of Mind: Seeing Things Invisible. See Choice
8.30 UK plc: The British economy (2/6)
9.00 The Square on the Pythagoras: Ben Silbum's irreverent tour through the history of maths (4/4)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.50 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Janet Cohen
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Letters and Diaries of C. Jeames de la Pluche, Esquire, by W.M. Thackeray. Read by Andy Hamilton (3/5)
11.00 Late Edition: The second of six adult satirical discussions on the week's news. *Chaired*, by Kevin Day
11.30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (FM only): A comedy by Paul Shearer and Richard Turner. With Richard E. Grant and Amanda Root (5/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00am News incl 12.27 Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood (3/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW only) As World Service (LW only)

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On not being beastly about nature films

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Rarely have I seen *anything* more stupid than last night's *J'Accuse* on *Without Walls* (Channel 4). It concerned natural history programmes, and was presented by an animated Aardman armadillo, spitting insults at us on behalf of the animal kingdom from his armchair. The thesis was this: that natural history programmes are guilty of the most terrible crimes: of presenting animals *solely* in terms of sex and violence (ie, they leave out more benign animal activities such as shopping and washing up).

"These are snuff movies!" the armadillo snarled, in belligerent scouse. Natural history has run amok! Cameramen use lights to represent moonlight! They are only interested in sharks and lions! They misrepresent animal social *structures* in a *sexist* way, by referring to "dominant males" and "harems"! They are "party political broadcasts on behalf of the Frightened Party"!

A couple of these points were quite sensible, actually; but the scramble to substantiate the stupid ones was transparently desperate, and entailed old crackly clips from lurid Disney wildlife dramas, which would nowadays be laughed off the screen. Disney once staged a spectacular lemming suicide leap, apparently, by pushing the poor beggars off a cliff when they didn't want to go. But what relevance does that have? Meanwhile, lions and sharks are simply not the mainstay of natural history programmes. Recent successes for the BBC have been the sea otter, the rural fox, and (ironically) the armadillo.

The sad thing about this *J'Accuse* was that, actually, viewers are always intrigued by the tricks of natural history television — by which bits are filmed in zoo enclosures or tanks, for example. So here was a missed *opportunity* to say something useful. But how daft to charge natural history programmes with making an animal's life look more eventful than *it really is. The interesting bits* compressed into half an hour — whoever heard of that? *Brookside*, be gone! As a result of all this screen action, we were told, viewers *form* pitifully false expectations of travel. When they touch down in Africa, they expect their first walk across the airport to be interrupted by a lioness pouncing on a wildebeest, followed by, er, sharks.

The only good aspect to this *J'Accuse* was that it starkly highlighted the role of the manicured soundbite in the trite arts documentary, and I want *forthwith to launch a campaign to* release Philip Dodd (editor of *Sight and Sound*) from this grossly unnatural, and humiliating, servitude to popular artifice. In fact, I accuse . . . *J'Accuse!* Filmed amid jungle shrubbery, each *media head volunteered a quota of* single-sentence points, but poor tireless Dodd was the cruelly exploited star turn, whom they clearly never allowed to go home. *It was Dodd who invented "the* party political broadcast on behalf *of the Frightened Party": he also* said that natural history programmes were "the Merchant Ivory *of television*". *So many* quotable aperçus in half an hour? Gosh, I do hope there wasn't any compression of reality involved.

Elsewhere on this rather dreary *night*, **Network First: Fear and Counting in Las Vegas** (ITV) was a suitably lame-titled, pointless 60 minutes about Dominic O'Brien, a professional British memory man with 1970s *haircut and dark moustache*, attempting to win at blackjack in American casinos. He regularly lost large sums, however, which was intriguing but not explained. Was he failing to remember the cards? Or was the *presence of a film crew blowing his* cover? Mostly his success or failure seemed to depend on luck and judgment — just like the success or failure of anybody else.

The scale and tacky *glamour of* American gambling was a *surprise*, but O'Brien's *perfectly legal* mission — to win money by hidden advantage — was hardly edifying. Meanwhile, as he is a fairly ordinary bloke, his commentary was an eight-deck shoe of clichés — in Las Vegas, "the atmosphere is electric": "I feel as though I've died and gone to heaven". *Philip Dodd*, where are you? I take it all back.

Two new linked series — **Nice Work** and **Tools of the Trade** — started on BBC2, and cheered things up a bit. Filmed *in the cool*, glossy manner of Nicholas Barker's *Signs of the Times*, they were slightly overstylish celluloid essays about redundancy and office desks, in that order. *Leanne Klein's Nice Work* film, *Thank You and Goodbye*, contained testimonies of cruel sackings, and infiltrated a management seminar on the art of firing, where a flip-chart offered helpful key words such as Shock, Anger and Denial. In between each section, the screen faded to black, and an ominous headline appeared, such as "You've heard the rumours, Dave".

Simon Nye's office sit-com **Is It Legal?** (ITV) came to the end continuing to offer the best desk-*joke on television, when lovestruck* Bob (Patrick Barlow) leapt to his feet for Mr Bappy's delivery girl, and in an extravagant arm movement swept everything off the desktop onto the floor. *In* **EastEnders** (BBC1), on the other hand, *Michelle has simply walked out on* her job, because on Thursday she departs for America, or Scotland, or . . . what?

Last night's *EastEnders* was *farcical*, with *Michelle's indecision* pushed to such mad extremes that I fully expected Lofty to walk in, or Lou to come back from the dead. Should Michelle tell Grant about the baby? ("No!") *Should she go to* Scotland with Geoff? ("Mmm?") *All drama is based on choice, of* course. But it is possible to take a principle too far.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (28767)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (88644699)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (5872908)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5849816)
10.05 Housemates (s) (1699922)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (1730545)
12.00 News (Ceefax) 4145019)
12.05pm Pebble Mill (s) (7440651)
12.50 Regional news and weather (48514403)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (81425)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (91669477)
1.50 Hawkeye (s) (7640496)
2.35 Island Race (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6541309)
3.05 NEW **Incognito**. Game show presented by Peter Smith(s) (8253922)
3.30 Ants In Your Pants (s) (8078309) **3.50 ChuckleVision** (r) (s) (8058545) **4.10 Get Your Own Back** (Ceefax) (s) (1520922) **4.35 Pirates** (Ceefax) (s) (2222854)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9481274)
5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (2773729)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (370903)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (670)
6.30 Regional news magazines (922)
7.00 This Is Your Life presented by Michael Aspel (Ceefax) (s) (5019)
7.30 As Time Goes By. With Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer (r) (Ceefax) (s) (106)
8.00 How Do They Do That? Eamonn Holmes and Jenny Hull reveal how computer games are made. *Plus the inner secrets of the golf ball and mazes* (Ceefax) (s) (603361)
8.45 Points of View. Anne Robinson presents viewers' opinions of programmes (Ceefax) (s) (771699)
8.55 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (684670)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6106)
9.30 One Foot in the Grave: We Have Put her Living in the Tomb. Victor and Margaret are entrusted with the care of Kylie the tortoise for a week, while they are decorating. With Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie (r) (Ceefax) (s) (48835)



Rita Kaye accompanied silent films (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **People's Century: 1927 — Great Escape.** Seventh part of the social history series (Ceefax) (s) (403125)
10.55 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam introduces a menu of boxing, snooker, rugby league and football (74279038)
12.30am FILM: The Guardian (1984) with Martin Sheen. *After a murder at an Upper West Side apartment block in New York, the residents hire a security guard to protect them. But an ultra-liberal tenant* finds his natural suspicions aroused by the new, nonsense military-type guardian. *Directed by David* Greene (73910)
2.00am Weather (5490510)

BBC2

6.00am Technology Season: Wall to Wall (38632) **6.30 Heavenly Bodies** (62584)
7.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (9485093)
7.15 Lassie (r) (9812309) **7.40 Pirates of Dark Water** (r) (9842800) **8.05 Fan TC** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5914467)
8.35 The Record: Yesterday in Parliament (s) (6678106)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1504800)
2.00 Johnson and Friends (s) (12140800)
2.10 Snooker. The Skoda Grand Prix (s). Includes, at **3.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (314106) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8195584)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (835)
4.30 Snooker from Sunderland (s) (88354)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. (Ceefax) (s) (274187)
6.45 FILM: Planet Earth (1974) *starring* John Saxon, Diana Muldaur, Janet Margolin and Ted Cassidy. *A man is put in suspended animation and transported* to the 22nd century. Directed by Marc Daniels. (Ceefax) (8552800). **Wales:** *Delia Smith* (708851) 7.15-8.30 Film: Planet Earth (4085380)



Seasonal recipes with Delia Smith (8.00pm)

8.00 Delia Smith's Winter Collection: Game and Poultry. (Ceefax) (s) (2309)
8.30 FILM: Final Verdict (1991). Treat Williams, Olivia Burnette and Glenn Ford in a television film based on the memoirs of Adele "Nora" Rogers St Johns, an American journalist who accompanied her father, a maverick California lawyer, on his criminal cases in the period before and after the First World War. Directed by Jack Fisk (Ceefax) (s) (47187). **Wales:** Rugby Union: Neath v Fiji (1818) 9.00-10.30 Film: Morning Glory (5477)
10.00 Grace Under Fire. American comedy with Brett Butler. (Ceefax) (s) (48256)
10.30 Party Political Broadcast by *the* Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (s) (470187)
10.35 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (448458)
11.20 The Spin. *The Hong Kong media scene* (s) (333212) **12.00 Weather** (4094997)
12.05am The Midnight Hour with Andrew Neil. Political chat show (s) (8682572)
12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone: Open University — Modelling in the Long Term (54510) **1.00** Strategy on the Screen (50317) **1.30** Joyride (88688) **2.00 Nightschool TV:** Landmarks with Audetel (34423) **4.00 BBC Focus:** Benefits Agency Today (18082133) **4.15** Television Training (79423) **4.45** Disability Today (64205794) **5.00** Voluntary Sector *Television* (39336)

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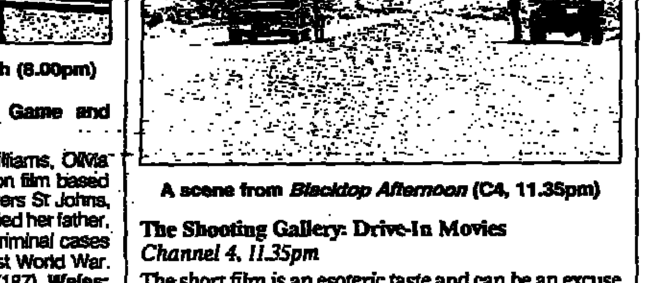
CHOICE

Paparazzo
ITV, 8.30pm

Nobody blames an actor for seeking fresh challenges but Guy Andrews's drama seems a strange vehicle for the talents of Nick Berry. The fresh-faced young village copper of *Heartbeat* turns into Rick, a celebrity photographer whose push and guile enable him regularly to scoop the rest of the pack. He will even *confront his subject in the ladies' room, if it means* making the front page first. The plot sends Rick to *snap a glamorous American kung-fu star* (Fay Masterson) who is under the thumb of a bullying *father. The script is short on* credibility and would probably have succeeded better as the comedy which it *fitfully is. But it does manage a* clever twist at the end and Berry fans will want to watch anyway.

People's Century: 1927 — Great Escape
BBC1, 10.00pm

The oral history of the 20th century turns to the impact of the cinema. A potted history of the developing medium, from the 1890s to the threat from television, has to pack a lot in but manages to make some telling points. Films made their earliest impact in poor city neighbourhoods because they were cheap to watch and until the arrival of sound film could claim to be a universal language. Filmgoers whose memories go back to before the First World War attest to the importance of the cinema as an escape from the everyday world. The pervasive power of Hollywood in pushing American values and the hijacking of cinema for propaganda are other themes of an intelligent, informative and wide-ranging account.



A scene from *Blacktop Afternoon* (C4, 11.35pm)

The Shooting Gallery: Drive-In Movies
Channel 4, 11.35pm

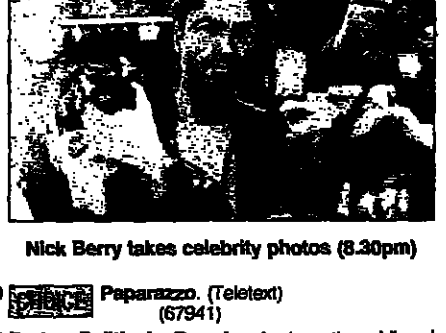
The short film is an esoteric taste and can be an excuse for clever film-makers to indulge themselves at the audience's expense. Those who prefer stories with a beginning, a middle and an end, preferably in that order, must usually look elsewhere. But at its best the genre imposes a creative discipline that often vanishes when budgets soar and running time stretches into hours rather than minutes. *The Shooting Gallery*, an eight-week season of shorts, will no doubt throw up the good, the bad and the boring, but it is a marvellous chance to check on recent work in the field. Cars are *the theme of tonight's offerings, which begin strongly* with *Blacktop Afternoon*, a highly-charged tale of a *lone woman motorist and a killer on the loose.*

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The British court martial system comes under robust scrutiny in advance of what could be an equally critical verdict from the European Commission of Human Rights. The programme argues *that while the powers* of courts martial are as great as those of the highest *criminal courts, the normal* checks and balances of British justice are absent. There are no juries, most of *the accused appear without legal representation and* public scrutiny hardly exists. The film features three *servicemen who feel that the system failed them. One* is an RAF squadron leader with an unblemished 23-year record. *He was dismissed the Service on a minor* shoplifting charge, despite apparent perjury from one of the chief witnesses against him. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7885767)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (5159293)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (1694477)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9527458)
10.35 This Morning Magazine show (39936835)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4134903)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (9595458)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9503477)
1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (22300729)
1.55 Shortland Street (91657632)
2.20 Vanessa: Multiple Partners (Teletext) (s) (44668019)
2.50 Material World (8525361)
3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (1303421)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (2753962)
3.30 Alphabet Castle. (s) (4771767) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (1482800) **3.50 The Story Store** (s) (4775583) **4.05 Animaniacs** (r) (Teletext) (s) (9360651)
4.15 NEW **TIGS.** Live computer games by telephone (s) (716670)
4.45 Bad Influence (s) (2213106)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. Denise Welch's singing debut. (Teletext) (1620125)
5.40 ITN Evening News (Teletext) (637835)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions(541545)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (598)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (390)
7.00 Wheel of Fortune with Nicky Campbell (s) (4877)
7.30 Coronation Street. Whose house will the Mallets buy? (Teletext) (274)
8.00 Police, Camera, Action! Tales of the Unexpected. Alastair Stewart presents more previously unseen footage of British motorists at their worst (s) (9835)

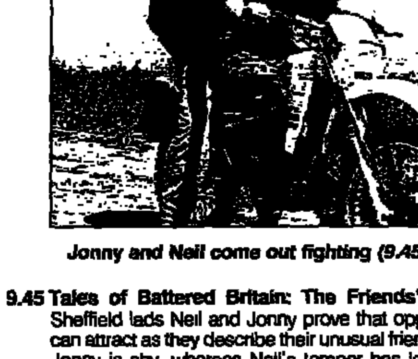


Nick Berry takes celebrity photos (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Paparazzo.** (Teletext) (67941)
10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (596496)
10.05 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (264125)
10.35 London Tonight (Teletext) (103903)
10.45 Carlton Sport highlights some of tonight's Coca-Cola Cup third-round matches including Tottenham, West Ham, Crystal Palace, Millwall and Charlton. (8709564)
12.05am Tales from the Crypt: Deadline (8690591)
12.35 Curtis Calls: Falcon's Salad (4769978)
12.40 The Little Picture Show (2257442)
1.40 The Album Show (3809423)
2.40 Hollywood Report (s) (7913220)
3.05 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (86228959)
3.30 Profile (s) (85814978)
3.45 Sport AM (r) (6639442)
4.35 One Life to Live (Last in Series) (24540133)
5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (26862)
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00** (78688)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff (r) (6437854)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (97748)
9.00 Biker Mice from Mars (5154748)
9.25 Mork and Mindy. Comedy series (5157835)
9.55 Saved by the Bell: The New Class. Lindsay is obsessed with appearing in a dance show on television (r) (9672361)
10.20 The Legend of White Fang (r) (1606212)
10.50 The Pink Panther Show (s) (3146106)
11.15 Little Shop (r) (5194583) **11.35 Dennis** (3289903)
12.00 House to House (28583)
12.30pm Sesame Street (71816)
1.30 Lift Off (r) (s) (43380)
2.00 Motion Painting. Animated film by Oskar Fischinger. (Teletext) (22842564)
2.15 FILM: Daddy (1987). Television film starring Dermot Mulroney and Patricia Arquette as teenage parents. Written and directed by John Herzfeld (308545)
4.00 Think Tank (Teletext) (s) (903)
4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (187)
5.00 Ricki Lake. Women who have changed their hair colour (Teletext) (s) (1755038)
5.45 Terrytoons. Sadcat; followed by **Murun Buchstansangur** (634748)
6.00 My So-Called Life: On the Wagon. Teenage drama series. (Teletext) (s) (56800)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext). (128854)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' views (457212)
8.00 Brookside. Rosie gains an ally but loses a son; Mandy's visitor *turns nasty; Katie* develops a wandering eye; while Max has a close call at home. (Teletext) (s) (7477)
8.30 Absolutely Animals. The last in the series reports on endangered species in Australia. (Teletext) (s) (9212)
9.00 CHOICE **Dispatches.** (Teletext) (s) (618729)



Jonny and Neil come out fighting (9.45pm)

9.45 Tales of Battered Britain: The Friends' Tale. Sheffield lads Neil and Jonny prove that opposites can attract as they describe their unusual friendship. Jonny is shy, whereas Neil's temper has led to a series of unprovoked attacks. (Teletext) (916941)
10.00 Northern Exposure: First Snow. Off-beat Alaska-set sit-com. Shelly upsets Maurice, and Joel is *distraught after the death of a patient and friend.* With Rob Morrow, Janine Turner and Barry Corbin. (Teletext) (s) (496835)
10.55 Rory Bremner — Who Else? A repeat of last Saturday's show (s) (730941)
11.35 CHOICE **The Shooting Gallery: Blacktop Afternoon** (s) (437632). Followed by **11.55 Drive Baby Drive** (432212) **12.15am Left Had Drive** (2293570) **12.35 The Coriolis Effect** (8529305) **1.05 Headlong** (1139317) **1.25 Thomasz** (9431065) **1.30 Summer** (7113978) **1.45 Stopover** (7125713) **2.05 The Take Out** (r) (s) (4558152) **2.20 Brotherly Love** (r) (s) (9659862). Ends at **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9503477) 1.25 Home and Away (22300729) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91657632) 2.50-3.20 Gardening Time (8525361) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1620125) 6.25 Anglia Weather (539851) 6.30-7.00 Anglia News (390) 10.35 Anglia News (103903) 10.45 Midweek Kickoff (8790816) 12.10am Beyond Reality (8899862) 12.40 War of the Worlds (5829882) 1.35 Hollywood Report (2329930) 2.00 Shift (1020572) 2.50 America's Top Ten (7933084) 4.15 Nite Bites (18087442) 4.30 The Time... the Place (68336)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91657632) 2.50-3.20 Gardening Time (8525361) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1620125) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (539212) 10.45 Central Sports Special (782372) 11.45 Time Trax (780583) 4.35am Jobfinder (6802442) 5.20 Asian Eye (4891355)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9503477) 1.25 Home and Away (81607293) 1.50 Vanessa (47578106) 2.20 Videofashion (44668019) 2.50-3.20 Coronation Street (8525361) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1620125) 6.25 Granada Tonight (522361) 10.45 Granada Soccer Night (8790816) 12.10am Coach (8899862) 3.30 Jobfinder (1899220)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55-1.20 Shortland Street (5760308) 1.20 Coronation Street (22301458) 2.50-3.20 Fat Man Wits (8525361) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1620125) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (390) 10.35 HTV West News and Weather (127583) 10.50 The West Match (105106) 11.50 Magnum (752458) 3.30am Jobfinder (1899220)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 The Really Helpful Programme (8525361) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (390) 10.35 HTV Wales News and Weather (127583) 10.50-11.50 Top Sport (105106)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (1694477) 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (4134903) 12.55 Coronation Street (9503477) 1.25 Home and Away (22300729) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91657632) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (8525361) 3.25-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (2753962) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1620125) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (598) 6.30-7.00 Ridgenders (390) 10.45 Coastguard Rescue! (180390) 11.15 The Meridian Match (932695) 12.15am On The Live Side (2286220) 12.40 War of the Worlds (5829882) 1.35 Hollywood Report (2329930) 2.00 Shift (1020572) 2.50 America's Top Ten (7933084) 4.15 Nite Bites (18087442) 4.30 The Time... the Place (68336) 5.00 Freescreen (26862)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9503477) 1.25 Home and Away (22300729) 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (91657632) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (8525361) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1620125) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (38458) 10.45 Special Report (180390) 11.15 The Westcountry Match (306336) 12.10am Short Story Cinema (8899862) 3.30 Jobfinder (1899220)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9503477) 1.25 Home and Away (22300729) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91657632) 2.50 Shortland Street (7899564) 3.15-3.20 Gardening Time (4658596) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1620125) 5.55 Calendar (826564) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (390) 10.45 Your Match (3933729) 12.00am Film: Dead Run (407201) 1.40 Hollywood Report (3853423) 2.10 Videofashion (4058828) 2.40 The Album Show (4332888) 3.40 Noisy Mothers (3377268) 4.35 Jobfinder (7654897)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (97748) 9.00 Biker Mice from Mars (5154748) 9.25 Mork and Mindy: The Mork Syndrome (5157835) 9.55 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (9672361) 10.20 The Legend of White Fang (1606212) 10.50 The Pink Panther Show (3146106) 11.15 Little Shop of Horrors (5194583) 11.35 Dennis (3289903) 12.00pm House to House (28583) 12.30 Widget (51309) 1.00 Slot Meithrin: Mister Morgan (90835) 1.30 Film: Fighting Back (53240583) 3.10 Oprah Winfrey (3282695) 4.00 Think Tank (903) 4.30 Wild Britain The Loners (187) 5.00 5 Pump: Rownd a Rownd (7728421) 5.15 5 Pump: Ffeil (9493019) 5.30 Fifteen to One (787) 6.00 Newyddion (276187) 6.15 Heno (252090) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (106816) 7.25 Dim Ond Celf (821564) 8.00 Pengelli (7477) 8.30 Darlledlad Gwleidyddol (745274) 8.35 Newyddion (139589) 9.05 Gimme Health: Living With Lesley (256903) 10.05 Brookside (282767) 10.35 Northern Exposure: A Cup of Joe (126699) 11.30 Dispatches (767380) 12.15am The Pretenders (340220)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat 8.00 Power Rangers 8.30 Jeopardy (60583) 9.00 Court TV (51835) 9.30 Oprah Winfrey (35187) 10.30 Blockbusters (57019) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (32835) 12.00 Spellbound (71699) 12.30pm Designing Women (71187) 1.00 The Waltons (92670) 2.00 Geraldo (82729) 3.00 Court TV (7496) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (3193106) 4.20 Kids TV (1686212) 4.30 Shool (5757) 5.00 Star Trek (8748) 6.00 Mighty Morphin (6632) 6.30 Spellbound (5552) 7.00 LAPD (9477) 7.30 M*A*S*H (6496) 8.00 Earth 2 (39125) 9.00 Picket Fences (19361) 10.00 Star Trek (29748) 11.00 Law and (40800) 12.00 Late Show (5296978) 12.45am Glory Enough for All (7654065) 1.30 Anything But Love (33713) 2.00 Hit Mix (3807171)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (3915941) 10.30 ABC Nightline (48361) 1.30pm CBS News (20318) 2.30 Parliament (85212) 5.30 Tonight (8854) 8.30 Peter Ustinov (5274) 11.30 CBS News (98941) 12.30am ABC News (58510) 1.30 Tonight (97220) 2.30 Target (80065) 3.30 Parliament (85510) 4.30 CBS News (24882) 5.30 ABC News (34268)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1163941) 10.00 Moment of Truth: To Walk Again (1994): (75903) 12.00 A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum (1966) (987816) 1.50pm Shadowlands (1993) (55355800) 4.00 Butch And Sundance: The Early Days (1979) (6360) 6.00 Moment Of Truth: To Walk Again (1994). As 10am (95941) 7.30 E! News Week in Review (1564) 8.00 Shadowlands (1993): As 1.50pm (12568534) 10.10 Romeo Is Bleeding (1993) (489293) 12.00 Mirror Images II (87539) 1.30am Les Visiteurs (1994) (813249) 3.15 Posse (1993) (29716733)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
12.00 The Corn Is Green (1979) (77019) 2.00pm Tall In The Saddle (1944) (92632) 4.00 Love Me Tender (1956) (1632) 6.00 Fancy Pants (1950) (12496) 8.00 This Property Is Condemned (1966) (17941) 10.00 Hellraiser (1987) (847903) 11.40 Fort Apache (1948) (97552748) 1.50-4.10am Rosemary's Baby (1968) (64257794)

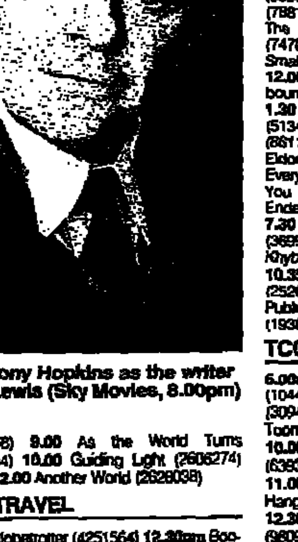
THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan And The Lost Safari (1957) (58212) 8.00 Cat City (1987) (23421) 10.00 Walk The Proud Land (1956) (73545) 12.00 The Blue Bird (1940) (97274) 2.00pm Labor Of Love: The Arlette Schweitzer Story (1993) (34670) 4.00 Cat City (1987): As 8am (4922) 6.00 Majority Rule (1992) (21106) 8.00 The Vanishing (1993) (26651) 10.00 The Assassin (1993) (491851) 11.50 Hellbound: Hellraiser II (1988) (229813) 1.25am Born To Run (1993) (171775) 3.05 Thief Of Hearts (1984) (418404) 4.45-6.00 Back To God's Country (1953) (8050288)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (91750477) 6.30 Muppet Babies (13327670) 7.00 Winnie (59244729) 7.30 Ducktales (59256564) 8.00 Rescue Rangers (24511090) 8.30 Wonderland (24510361) 9.00 Fraggle Rock (24534941) 9.30 Pooh Corner (91428545) 10.00 Dumbo's Circus (13318922) 10.30 Donald (24530125) 11.00 Walt Disney (59265212) 12.00 FILM: Polly — Comin' Home (13305458) 2.00 Wonderland (65298477) 2.30 Umbrella Tree (23436309) 3.00 Fraggle Rock (65208212) 3.30 Winnie (23431854) 4.00 Donald (23410361) 4.30 Ducktales (23416545) 5.00 Rangers (65287729) 5.30 Danger Bay (23430125) 6.00 Tarzan (23437038) 6.30 Dinosaurs (23411090) 7.00 Flipper (21475212) 8.00 Sinbad (65209941) 8.30 The Torkelsons (65295748) 9.00-10.00 Voyager (21471496)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports Centre (73106) 7.30 Wrestling (54689) 8.30 Aerobics (95854) 9.00 Motorsport (30903) 11.00 Shooting (61361) 12.00 Aerobics (99670) 12.30pm Scottish Football (15212) 2.30 Quiz (9361) 3.00 Tennis (1090) 3.30 Windsurfing (1106) 4.00 Powerboats (3941) 4.30 Mountain Bikes (9125) 5.00 Wrestling (5670) 6.00 Centre (7390) 6.30 Rugby (4670) 7.00 Ice Warriors (36260654) 8.55 Centre (842632) 9.00 Soccer (22361) 9.30 Golf (91372) 10.00 Centre (87629) 10.30 Golf (52583) 11.30 Rugby (59038) 12.00 Ice Warriors (95930) 2.00-2.30am Centre (38201)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Equestrianism (49787) 8.30 Swimming (40584) 10.00 Motors (28212) 12.00 Boxing (96699) 1.00pm Snooker (17187) 2.30 Darts (81487) 3.30 Equestrianism (79545) 4.30 Tractor Pulling (34187) 5.30 Motorcycling (5545) 6.00 Formula 1 (2458) 6.30 News (6038) 7.00 Pro Wrestling (84699) 8.00 Boxing Special (60019) 9.00 Formula 1 (24729) 9.30 Motorcycling (24800) 10.00 Chess (75870) 11.00 Equestrianism (77922) 12.00-12.30 News (75539)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4258477) 8.30 Peyton Place (4257748) 9.00 As the World Turns (6120854) 10.00 Guiding Light (2606274) 11.00-12.00 Another World (2528038)



Anthony Hopkins as the writer C.S. Lewis (Sky Movies, 8.00pm)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (4251564) 12.30pm Boomerang (5311748) 1.00 Venice (2620854) 1.30 Diving (5310019) 2.00 Getaway (1172564) 2.30 Top of the World (9300293) 3.00 Independent Guide (4679477) 4.00 Travel Guide (9391545) 4.30 Colorado (9397729) 5.00 Italy (1163816) 5.30 Around The World (9311309) 6.00 Top of the World (9301922) 6.30 Discover Your World (9392274) 7.00 Florida! (1176380) 7.30 Getaway (9398458) 8.00 Around the World (1088800) 8.30 Travel Guide (1171835) 9.00 Floyd (4687496) 9.30 Discovery (5324212) 10.00 Florida! (4252293) 10.30 Italy (4261941) 11.00 Globetrotter (4682941) 11.30-12.00 American Adventurer (4348274)

TLC
9.00am Watercolours (7895941) 9.30 Eat Your Greens (7478106) 10.00 Off the Beaten Track (1532545) 10.30 Looking for Love (7891125) 11.00 Only Human (9370583) 12.00 Man in a Woman's World (7882477) 12.30pm Jimmy's (7472922) 1.00 Eat Your Greens (9381699) 1.30 Watercolours (7471293) 2.00 The Opposite Sex (1533274) 3.00 Beaten Track (9301583) 3.30-4.00 Fishing (7598212)

UK GOLD
7.00am Nanna (8351458) 7.30 Neighbours (9363293) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7881748) 8.30 EastEnders (7880019) 9.00 The Bill (7804699) 9.30 The Sullivans (7470564) 10.00 All Creatures Great and Small (9369477) 11.00 Dallas (9372941) 12.00 Sons and Daughters 12.30pm Neighbours (7474380) 1.00 EastEnders (9350729) 1.30 The Bill (7473651) 2.00 The Sullivans (51349651) 2.25 Are You Being Served? (8611922) 3.00 Angels (9303941) 3.30 Eldorado 4.00 Casualty (41949011) 5.05 Every Second Counts (4564274) 5.45 Are You Being Served? (4880212) 6.25 EastEnders (9638699) 7.00 Eldorado (9335822) 7.30 French Fields (7576090) 8.00 Angels (3699670) 8.25 FILM: Carry on Up the Khyber (55158922) 10.00 The Bill (2584835) 10.35 Album Show (5464922) 11.35 Reilly (2528187) 12.35am Dr Who (1466107) 1.05 Public Eye (5187688) 2.05 Triangle (19383997) 2.30-3.30 Shopping

TCC
6.00am Sesame Street (37477) 7.00 Barney (10449) 7.30 Sonic (18854) 8.00 Valley High (30941) 8.30 The Tick (39212) 9.00 Top Toon (20564) 9.30 Where's Wally? (62038) 10.00 Garfield (60729) 10.30 Art Attack (6363477) 10.45 Dish of the Day (6381632) 11.00 AJ's Time Travelers (96583) 11.30 Hang Time (87212) 12.00 California (37800) 12.30pm Bill and Ted (66854) 1.00 Sonic (98090) 1.30 Pink Panther (65125) 2.00 Take That (61458) 3.00 Radio One (3090) 3.30 Chart (6570) 4.00 Capital Radio (2477) 4.30-5.00 California (1361)

NICKELODEON
7.05am Turtles (7765545) 7.45 Rugrats (547477) 8.15 The Ferals (656699) 8.45 Count Duckula (6032552) 9.00 Nick Jr (335767) 12.00 Lunchbox (97212) 12.30pm Pee Wee's Playhouse (20038) 1.00 The Ferals (70019) 1.30 Dungeons and Dragons (29309) 2.00 Denver (8075) 2.30 Galaxy High (7903) 3.00 Count Duckula (9632) 3.30 North Wind (8748) 4.00 Mutant Turtles (1583) 4.30 Rugrats (7767) 5.00 Clarissa (1477) 5.30 Real Monsters (8019) 6.00 Doug (8632) 6.30-7.00 Afraid of the Dark? (2212)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Elephant Enigma (7584019) 4.30 Ambulance! (7573903) 5.00 Man on the Rim (9392835) 6.00 Invention (9617106) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (4492318) 7.30 Echidna — The Survivor (7574632) 8.00 Connections 2 (9302212) 8.30 Driving Passions (9398019) 9.00 Seawings (1919496) 10.00 Dinosaurs! (1912583) 11.00 Voyager - World of National Geographic (5724458) 11.30-12.00 Nature Watch (1538729)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Plan 9 from Outer Space (3949090) 1.30pm Scotland Yard (7475019) 2.00 The Saint (1457800) 3.00 Robin Hood (9305309) 3.30 Man from Interpol (7592038) 4.00 FILM: Man in the White Suit (3962941) 5.30 120 Volt Miracles (7591309) 6.00 Death Valley Days (7581922) 6.30 Scotland Yard (7572274) 7.00 The Invisible Man (9380090) 7.30 Robin Hood (7578458) 8.00 The Saint (1893458) 9.00 Sapphire and Steel (5749767) 9.30 Dead at 21 (7486212) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Car Trouble (5730019)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (9320729) 7.00 Magazine (1787922) 9.00 Bazaar (7855309) 9.30 Kate and Allie (1067816) 10.00 Hearts of Gold (4627019) 10.50 Entertainment Now (40116699) 11.00 Young and Restless (4462903) 11.55 Delia Smith (6439090) 12.30 Brookside (4899125) 1.05pm Kilroy (6290380) 2.00 Agony Hour (4384477) 3.00 Magazine (8900748) 4.00 Infatuation UK (9632361) 4.30 Crosswits (7599564) 5.05 Joker's Wild (39560895) 5.30 Bewitched (9652125) 6.00 Esther (9659038) 6.30 Brookside (3336922) 7.05 Crosswits (3146870) 7.35 Joker's Wild (6671458) 8.00 Young and Restless (2908729) 9.00 Cagney and Lacey (2911293) 10.00 Charlie's Angels (2914380) 11.00-12.00 Dangerous Women (1774458)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Wonder Years (5835) 5.30 Tintin (174816) 5.50 Batman (858125) 6.25 Catchphrase (242748) 7.00 A Word In Your Ear (5699) 7.30 Fall Guy (54125) 8.30 Duty Free (3854) 9.00 Ruth Rendell (36485) 10.00 Busman's Holiday (18729) 10.30 Moonlighting (70903) 11.30 Batman (82941) 12.00 Fall Guy (48046) 1.00am Zorro (61046) 1.30 Rhoda (12309) 2.00 Moonlighting (45268) 3.00 Rhoda (74510) 3.30 Zorro (90688) 4.00 Wonder Years (94581) 4.30-5.00 Black Stallion (82539)

MTV
5.00am Wildside (31249) 6.30 The Grind (71835) 7.00 3 From 1 (7518654) 7.15 Wildside (5033729) 8.00 VJ Maria (241854) 11.00 Soul (98632) 12.00 Greatest Hits (54019) 1.00pm Music Non-Stop (83767) 2.00 3 From 1 (18415818) 2.15 Music Non-Stop (2390564) 3.00 Cinematic (5881800) 3.15 Hanging Out (6316854) 4.00 News (3156090) 4.15 Hanging Out (3179941) 4.30 Dial MTV (4449) 5.00 Zig and Zag Show (7293) 5.30 Hanging Out (4698) 6.00 VJ Kate Moss (43903) 7.00 Greatest Hits (19309) 8.00 Most Wanted (48583) 9.30 Beavis and Butthead (55748) 10.00 News (239699) 10.15 Cinematic (227854) 10.30 The State (29835) 11.00 The End? (95212) 12.30am Videos (5464220)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (2629125) 9.00 Cale (1348699) 12.00 Heart and Soul (5325941) 1.00pm Vinyl Years (5301361) 2.00 Jon Bon Jovi (4352477) 3.00 Music (2986090) 6.00 VH-1-2-3 (5321125) 7.00 1 For You (2843545) 8.00 Wednesday Review (1181458) 8.30 Rod Stewart (1173293) 9.00 Inxs (2849729) 10.00 Vinyl Years (2842816) 11.00 Nightly (4672854) 1.00am Gary Moore (5460775) 2.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 6am to 7pm, including 5.00pm Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (72371011) 8.30 Hum Paanch (54573125) 9.00 Kya Scene Hai (54564477) 9.30 Baanah Ke Baad (51833106) 10.30 Namaste India (54553361) 11.00 Tara (28017829) 12.00 Campus (54577941) 12.30pm Khubsoorat (45381767) 1.00 FILM: Badal Aur Bijli (86531212) 4.00 Sajjad (99890651) 5.00 Zee Zone (66524380) 5.30 Surer Daal (10833125) 6.00 Campus (10830038) 6.30 Zee & U (10814090) 7.00 Aap Ki Adalat (66511816) 7.30 FILM: Deewane (10810274) 8.00 News (66520564) 8.30 Banegi Apni Baat (66549699) 9.0012.00 FILM: Zakhmi Dil (71181309)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm Battleground (1949): Van Johnson (21452361) 11.00 The Mating Game (1959): Tony Randall and Debbie Reynolds (45279922) 12.45am I Love Melvin (1953): Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds (68458684) 2.10-3.55 Skirts Ahoy! (1952): Romantic adventures (97694317)

CNN/QVC
CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

Hard-hitting Stewart enjoys gentle introduction to tour

England savour victory stroll

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN RANDJESFONTEIN

UNDER a piercing sun, on a tent-ringed ground that would not have looked out of place in the Vale of Evesham, England's cricketers opened their South Africa tour yesterday with a comfortable victory, by 112 runs, over Nicky Oppenheimer's XI. In reply to England's 242 for five (Stewart's lunchtime "retirement" counted as a wicket), the hotchpotchers were dismissed for 130 with ten overs remaining.

All a touring team can do in this sort of undemanding game is win it, and gather whatever blessings may accrue. Stewart's 74, made out of 147 for one before he left the batting to others, was his first innings for three months, and he timed his straight drives pleasingly enough. He also held a good slip catch when Gibbs tried to run Illingworth to third man.

There were other benefits. Ramprakash's 48 included some perky strokes, Malcolm took a wicket with his fifth ball and Illingworth ended with five for 48, including three wickets in nine balls. Less happily, the inventory also reveals that Crawley and Smith were out to shots that they have been known to play before. It is early, though, and there is plenty of cricket ahead when their minds will be set more vigorously on the job in hand.

On a bucolic occasion like this — Arundel in May might be the English equivalent — the cricket is supposed to adorn the day. Spectators in the marquees had paid £100 for their pleasures and, though there was evidence of much imbibing, the crowd was restrained, at least until Page thumped Illingworth straight for three sixes. The public address announcement that Michael Atherton was leading the first official England team in South Africa for 31 years brought a ripple of applause, rather than a wave.

In other respects, it was not at all like Arundel. At lunchtime, some light-fingered chap made off with the bowlers' marks, as if they would be any use to anybody away from a cricket field. During the afternoon a member of the English press corps was denied access by some jobsworth to the handsome pavilion when he sought to interview Geoffrey Toyana, from Soweto, a member of the Oppenheimer team. Things used to be very different.

Atherton, who never looked at his most composed, put on 66 for the first wicket with Stewart. He was missed twice, by Page at gully when he was 13 and again on 32 when he slogged a "doodlebug" from the veteran left-armer, Kourie, to mid-on, where Atkinson, acting as twelfth man, put down the the sort of chance a half-decent cricketer should hold.

Stewart's innings was not without blemish. On 27, he was dropped twice, in successive overs from Kourie. Page, at point this time, committed a howler and Williams, making ground from long-off towards the sightscreen, let the ball slip between his hands and across the boundary. Taken together, this attack of butterfingers was reminiscent of prep-school cricket and any schoolmaster worth his salt would surely have slippered them on the spot.

After Stewart had supped his fill, Williams brought one back into Ramprakash. Crawley, aiming through mid-on, supplied a catch off the leading edge to extra cover, and Smith, favouring the slashed cut, helped one through to Teeger. Russell then frolicked in the closing overs, with a little help from Watkinson, before Atherton declared.

Malcolm struck early, rattling Yachad's off stump, which let in Toyana, a left-hander who has spent time on the MCC ground staff. He looked a goodish player until, having prepared his ground, he lifted Illingworth to mid-on. In Illingworth's next over, Pienaar was leg-before as he swept extravagantly, and Gibbs, who did not field during the England innings, dabbed to slip.

There followed a peculiar interlude as Page retired hurt to find his contact lens and then returned, upon Benkenstein's dismissal, to carry the fight to Illingworth. Without his innings, and the late blows that Williams struck in a dying cause, the reply would have been thinner still.

England trooped off satisfied, to the unnecessary accompaniment of bad pop music on the speakers. There is a tour "first" to note, too. A young man in a Union Jack head towel offered a taste of what the South Africans can expect when the "Barmy Army" decamps to rerun old battles.



Teeger, the Nicky Oppenheimer XI wicketkeeper, watches as Stewart plunders more runs yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris

SCORECARD

ENGLAND XI		OPPENHEIMER XI	
*M A Atherton b Page	34	M Yachad b Malcolm	2
A J Stewart retired, out	74	R F Pienaar lbw b Illingworth	25
M R Ramprakash lbw b Williams	48	G Toyana c Watkinson b Illingworth	28
J P Crawley c Oppenheimer b Benkenstein	14	D M Benkenstein b Gough	1
R A Smith c Teeger b Williams	12	H H Gibbs c Stewart b Illingworth	0
†R C Russell not out	35	H A Page c Russell b Illingworth	22
M Watkinson not out	15	S Elworthy run out	6
Extras (b 3, nb 7)	10	†J Teeger c and b Watkinson	8
Total (5 wkts, dec)	242	*J Oppenheimer not out	21
D Gough, M C Ilott, R K Illingworth and D E Malcolm did not bat.		H S Williams b Watkinson	13
		A Kourie c Gough b Illingworth	1
		Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
		Total	130

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-147, 3-179, 4-183, 5-205.
BOWLING: Elworthy 11-3-24-0; Williams 12-2-49-2; Page 10.2-3-50-1; Kourie 10-2-35-0; Benkenstein 13-1-63-1; Oppenheimer 4-0-18-0.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-48, 3-58, 4-66, 5-83, 6-70, 7-95, 8-95, 9-115.
Bowling: Malcolm 5-0-17-1; Ilott 9-3-11-0; Gough 8-1-29-1; Illingworth 12-4-48-5; Watkinson 5-0-24-2.
Umpires: T Wood and R Rymkis.

Football League will miss TV deal deadline

BY JOHN GOODBODY

NEGOTIATIONS on the future of football on television reached an impasse yesterday, with the Football Association refusing to give the Football League an extension to a deadline to accept an agreement worth £118.5 million.

The Football League now has to gamble that the Premier League will eventually get a better five-year deal from the television companies in a new joint-package for all league matches in England.

The first division chairmen will meet in Leicester on November 15 to discuss the two options. However, the Premier League has yet to make any firm proposals, while the FA has said that, unless the Football League accepts its offer by 4pm tomorrow, the offer will be withdrawn.

It is ironic that the FA's own creation is challenging the governing body for a five-year television deal by wooing the very organisation which so resented the breakaway.

Football League representatives had a brief meeting at Lancaster Gate yesterday when they had a chance to accept a five-year package worth £250 million, covering the FA Cup, all home England internationals, the Coca-Cola Cup and league games. Of this total, the Football League would get £118.5 million with the BBC, ITV and Sky sharing coverage.

A spokesman for the Football League said: "We made it clear that we continue to be extremely interested in the offer but that the ramifications of the offer and, more particularly, the complexities of the draft legal agreement which we received only last week are such that we are unable to meet the deadline for acceptance that they have imposed.

"We asked for an extension of the deadline. This was not conceded. We will continue to consider our position."

A spokesman for the Premier League said: "We have had preliminary discussions with the Football League. The Premier League is committed to the principle of ensuring stability throughout the professional game and believe a partnership with the Football League would increase TV bargaining power and improve the distribution of monies."

Juninho's debut depends on official clearance

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

JUNINHO is expected at Old Trafford on Saturday, but whether he will spectate from the stands, warm the substitutes' bench or link Middlesbrough's midfield and attack, nobody knows. Although Middlesbrough have received a work permit for their £4.75 million Brazilian import from São Paulo, club officials were still waiting for the transfer to receive international clearance last night.

Though a rubber-stamping exercise between Fifa, the world governing body, and the Brazilian football authorities, Juninho cannot leave Brazil until the paperwork is completed. Yesterday, his family waited, bags packed, for the requisite faxes to be exchanged. Realistically, the earliest he can leave Brazil is tonight, which would see him arrive on Teesside tomorrow.

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, had originally insisted that if the player was not in training with his team by Tuesday, he would not play in the FA Carling Premiership match on Saturday.

Yesterday, however, Robson indicated that he would consider fielding Juninho if he were to arrive in time for training on Thursday. A Friday appearance would leave "no chance". Nevertheless, Robson must be tempted to stick with a side that has won their last five Premiership games, conceding just one goal in the process, against a formidably attack-minded Manchester United.

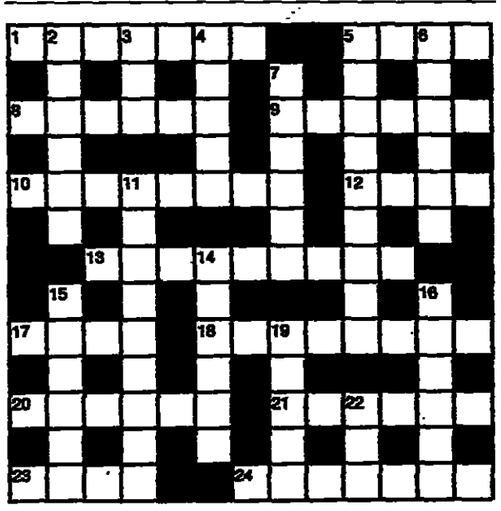
An Old Trafford amphitheatre graced by the likes of Cole, Cantona and Scholes is not the ideal venue in which to experiment. Indeed, how can Juninho, who does not speak English, be expected to gel with players with whom he will barely have trained?

By way of a compromise — which would satisfy those 8,000 supporters who have purchased tickets to watch the match relayed on a giant screen at the Riverside Stadium — Juninho may be named as a substitute. Most observers believe his debut will be delayed until the match with Leeds United on Saturday week.

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 609



ACROSS
1 Melt (7)
5 Quick blow; a pastry (4)
8 Deviation from path (6)
9 Refer to higher authority (6)
10 Having the most space (8)
12 Top covering of house, car (4)
13 Viral fever (9)
17 Become menacingly dark (4)
18 In a poetic rhythm (8)
20 Collection of items tied up (6)
21 Encourage, ask (6)
23 Remain: a support (4)
24 Utter defeat, rout (7)

DOWN
2 Regicide General, Cromwell's son-in-law (6)
3 Mystery in sky (1,1,1)
4 Body of men; might (5)
5 Intrusive photographers (9)
6 Spouted, lidded vessel (6)
7 Fight; site of the Hastings one (6)
11 Loyal servant (after Defoe) (3,6)
14 Unwanted household items (6)
15 Sturdy, hardy (6)
16 Price-fixing association (6)
19 String; twist (5)
22 By way of (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 608

ACROSS: 1 So far so good 7 Let up 8 Nemesis 10 Tenacity 11 Curd 13 Effete 15 Bantam 17 OPEC 18 Gravamen 21 Dabbles 22 Lhasa 23 Erroneously

DOWN: 1 Split second 2 Futon 3 Rapacity 4 Ornate 5 Ohms 6 Disgust 9 Sedimentary 12 Malvolio 14 Freebie 16 Prison 19 Means 20 Slur

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ACROSS: 1 Couch potato 8 Wotan 9 College 10 Rung 11 Dinosaur 13 Gewgaw 14 Propel 17 Implicit 19 Mash 22 Exploit 23 Aloud 24 Small change

DOWN: 1 Cower 2 Up to now 3 Hung 4 Orchid 5 All fours 6 Omega 7 Petrol 12 Manitoba 13 Grimes 15 Platoon 16 Pistol 18 Pepys 20 Hedge 21 Hash

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New Zealand debut for Twose

BY SIMON WILDE



Twose: new allegiance

ROGER TWOSE, the England-born batsman, will make his first appearance for New Zealand today in the second Test match against India in Madras. Twose completed a residential qualification for New Zealand earlier this year and his selection will prevent him from resuming his seven-year-old career with Warwickshire, as he will no longer be counted as an England-qualified player. Twose replaces Bryan Young, an opening batsman, who has been dropped after New Zealand's three-day defeat in the first Test match in Bangalore last week.

Graham Halbish, the chief executive of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB), has changed his response to the findings of Pakistan's internal inquiry into allegations of match-fixing levelled at Salim Malik by Australian players. Halbish said on Monday that the ACB "believe the issue has been satisfactorily resolved". Yesterday, he dismissed the inquiry's findings. "The board stands behind its players," he said.

"The ACB finds most regrettable the innuendo [in the inquiry's findings] that has appeared in the press that the statements were concocted and the players are liars. The ACB rejects that suggestion outright."

Harlequins open door to new era

Christopher Irvine witnesses a marriage of convenience close to the heart of rugby

AFTER 100 years, rugby league has arrived at the doorstep of rugby union headquarters. London Broncos will play three Stones Championship fixtures next month at the Stoop Memorial Ground, home of Harlequins and within 400 yards of Twickenham.

In the new climate of professionalism, the Harlequins club has done more than lower its establishment guard. It has enthusiastically welcomed the approach by the Broncos, for sound monetary reasons. The club is hoping to build a new stand to increase the present capacity of 8,500.

Harlequins' director of rugby, Dick Best, said yesterday: "The Broncos will be responsible for ticketing and organisation, but obviously we want to see how it goes in terms of crowds and the pitch itself. Rugby league is moving to the summer. We're in a professional business now and the use of facilities 12 months a year will be important. Times have changed and this tie-up is a natural progression. Before long, I feel we will end up with one game, a hybrid of the two codes."

Harlequins' three-week groundshare is on a strict per-match leasing arrangement with the rugby league club, which made its approach last week. If successful, there is a possibility it could lead to a longer-term marriage of convenience. The Broncos will play two midweek night games there, against St Helens next Wednesday and Halifax on November 15.

The third "home" game is on November 19, the day after England play South Africa at Twickenham. On international match weekends, the Stoop is used for hospitality for the event over the road, so, on this occasion, the marquees must swiftly be brought down for the visit of Warrington.

The nomadic London side have also arranged to play five league fixtures, starting with Friday's rearranged game with Oldham, at The Valley, the home of Charlton Athletic Football Club. At present, this is seen as a more viable home for their first Super League season, starting next March, and brings the number of venues the Broncos have used since September to four, with Brentford Football Club's Griffin Park and Barnet Copthall stadium, the latter remaining the club's administrative base.



Best: progression

Although the heavy symbolism of the venture was not lost on Harlequins, it was illuminated by the commercial possibilities. The Broncos team is mainly made up of expatriate Australian league players, but, for several visiting former union internationals, among them John Bentley, of England, and now Halifax, and Scott Gibbs, of Wales and now St Helens, the games will be their first active return to a union ground.

John Gallagher, the former New Zealand union full back, whose league career finished at London, has been training with Harlequins. While he awaits a definitive announcement by the Rugby Football Union on how long a player must serve before he can return to union, he might act as Harlequins' consultant in ground arrangements for the Broncos' games.

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